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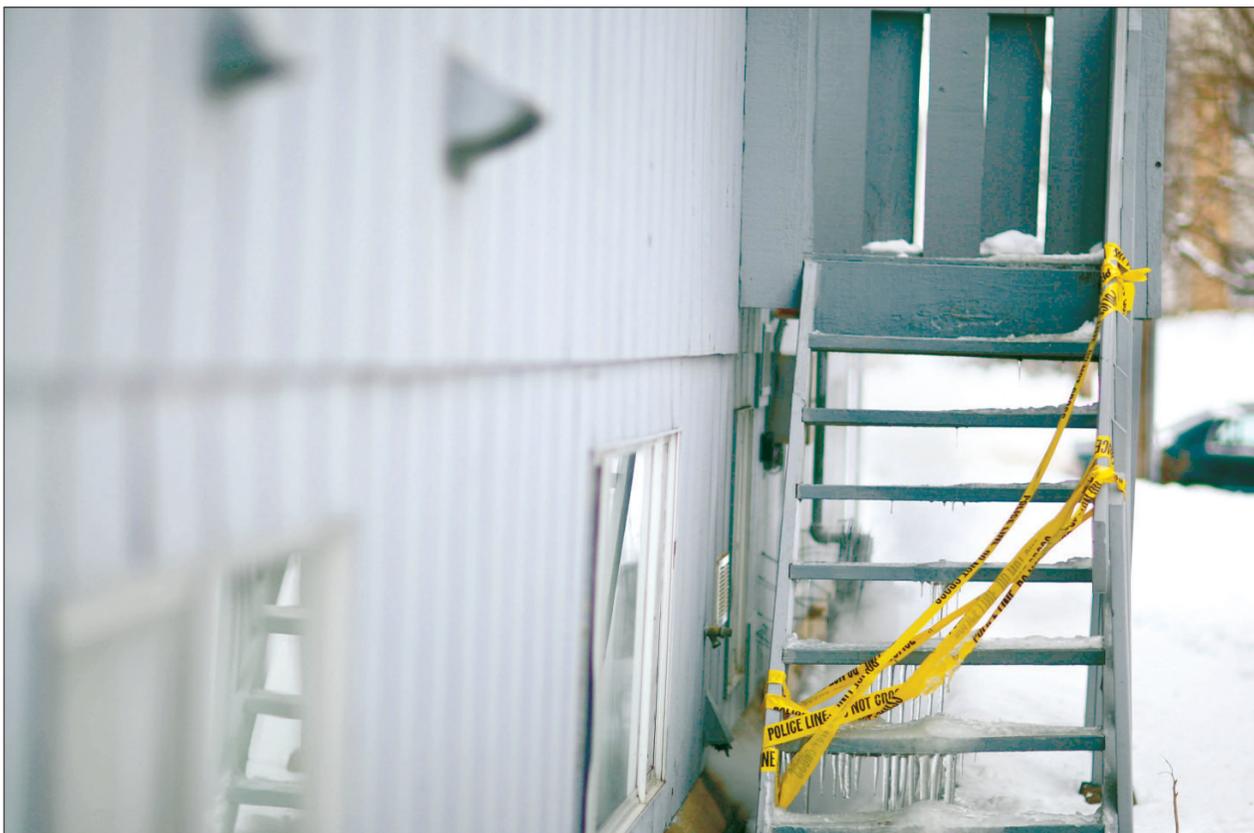
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Man charged in death

A day after discovering Jerome August 'Patrick' McEwen dead in his home, police arrest 21-year-old Curtis John Fry and charge him with second-degree murder.



Chris Vanderwall/The Daily Iowan

The apartment of Jerome August "Patrick" McEwen, 513 S. Van Buren St., is shown on Sunday. Police say it was the scene of a homicide on Feb. 7 and that McEwen's door showed signs of forced entry.

By Olivia Moran and Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

Brent Davis knows exactly what everyone is thinking about his cousin after he reportedly beat a 75-year-old man to death: He should be locked up.

"[He] deserves to go down for a long, long time," Davis said. "I know people are thinking that, but knowing him, I don't feel that way at all."

Curtis John Fry, 21, of Wilton, Iowa, was charged Feb. 8 with second-degree murder. As of Sunday, he was still being held at Johnson County Jail on a \$1 million cash-only bond.

Davis's aunt and uncle are Fry's parents, Cathy and Jim Fry. Davis, 28, of Bettendorf, said he's known Curtis Fry his whole life, and sees him about three or four times a year.



Fry charged

"I never ever could picture him being a violent person. Period," Davis said. "He's just that likable type of person. That laughable type of guy who can get along with anybody."

The alleged homicide

Iowa City police arrested Curtis Fry the afternoon of Feb. 8 for reportedly beating to death Jerome August "Patrick" McEwen at his residence, 513 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 1.

Lauren Nestor, a UI senior, lives in an apartment near McEwen's. Around 1:30 or 2 a.m. on Feb. 7, she said, she was about to go to sleep when she heard noises in the building.

"You kind of get used to things like that," Nestor said, adding that it wasn't until the afternoon of Feb. 7 that a neighbor came to tell Nestor something was wrong.

Nestor followed her neighbor to McEwen's apartment, where she found him dead. Autopsy results later determined that he had died because of numerous blunt-force fractures in his face,

Timeline

- Feb. 7**
1:15-2:30 a.m. — Curtis Fry reported missing by his brother
- 1:30-2 a.m. — Patrick McEwen's neighbor says she heard noises in the building
- 1:30-3 a.m. — Fry allegedly calls an acquaintance and says he feared McEwen was dying
- 3:44 p.m. — Iowa City police find McEwen dead at his residence
- Feb. 8**
5:48 p.m. — Police announce that Fry has been charged with second-degree murder
- 7 p.m. — Fry's bond is set at \$1 million

a thyroid-cartilage fracture, bleeding in the brain, a fractured left rib, and "apparent defensive wounds to his hand," police reported.

Nestor and her neighbor called police, who responded around 3:44 p.m. Feb. 7.

SEE HOMICIDE, 4A

IC homicide

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com for more on the homicide of Jerome August "Patrick" McEwen.

Man killed in home

On Feb. 7, neighbors found 75-year-old Jerome August "Patrick" McEwen dead, reportedly beaten to death in his own apartment. Iowa City police arrested Curtis John Fry on a charge of second-degree murder at 5:48 p.m. Feb. 8.

Location of attack



Source: Iowa City police

Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

Doubt cast on biofuels

By Samantha Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

Two new studies examining biofuels, a popular energy alternative to fossil fuels, find that the supposedly eco-friendly energy source may actually be detrimental to the environment, causing some to take a second look at the struggling 2007 U.S. Farm Bill.

The studies, both published in this month's *Science*, report that the destruction of some lands — such as rain forests, savanna, and grasslands — in order to produce cropland for biofuels, causes more greenhouse gases than it reduces by displacing fossil fuels.

By using the renewable energy source — a highly touted component in the congressionally approved but executive stalled Farm Bill — more harm than good is inflicted upon the environment, the studies conclude.

"Biofuels are a potential low-carbon energy source, but whether biofuels offer carbon saving depends on how they are produced," reported one of the studies, titled "Land Clearing and Biofuel Carbon Debt."

UI civil-environmental engineering Professor Jerald Schnoor said this study takes a new perspective by examining the role the land selected to harvest biofuels plays — specifically, how it was previously utilized.

"If the converted land from went from already being put to good use to an intensive use for ethanol production, there may be negative implications for net greenhouse production," Schnoor said.

SEE ETHANOL, 3A

Schools might see more \$

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City schools will likely see a 4 percent increase in education funding after the Iowa Senate passed a \$112.6 million measure.

Toni Cilek, the Iowa City School Board president, said the funding, which amount to an additional \$222 per student, were what local officials expected. The money will be used during the 2009-10 school year.

"We know [the Legislature] had a tight budget, so we're thankful that it provided our budget," she said. "We're pleased that it followed through and that we have an increase."

The increased funds won't be enough to boost Iowa out of its teacher-salary slump, said Margaret Buckton, an associate executive director of public policy for the Iowa Association of School Boards. The state government would need to increase the Iowa City budget by 6 percent for two or three years.

But Sen. Brian Schoenjahn, D-Arlington, the chairman of the Education Committee, said the 4 percent increase for elementary and secondary schools is the best lawmakers could do.

SEE EDUCATION, 3A

Man arrested in Jema attack

The accused has an prior criminal record, and he is being held at Johnson County Jail on a bond of more than \$1.5 million.

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

Authorities arrested a man Feb. 9 after an eight-month investigation, alleging that he broke into an Iowa City residence in June 2007 and kidnapped, beat, and sexually assaulted a 50-year-old woman.

Micah Sherif Matthews, 32, address unknown, faces three felonies in the alleged incident, first-degree kidnapping, first-degree sexual abuse, and first-degree burglary, police reported.

Iowa City police arrested Matthews — who was already in Johnson County Jail for an unrelated charged of violating a domestic-abuse protective order — after a joint investigation by officers and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, where two "very important" DNA

samples linked Matthews to the crime scene, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

As of Sunday, Matthews was being held at Johnson County Jail on a \$1.5 million bond.

Authorities reportedly were able to piece together a detailed series of events from June 5, 2007, when Matthews allegedly forced entry into the residence on Jema Court, armed with a handgun, and woke the woman around 4 a.m., demanding money.

According to police: The woman told Matthews she had "very little cash" in her home, police reports said. Matthews then forced the woman to drive him to the UI Community Credit Union on Mormon Trek Boulevard to withdraw cash.

When the woman was unable

Micah Sherif Matthews



The charges:

- First-degree kidnapping, Class A felony, punishable by life in prison if convicted
- First-degree sexual abuse, Class A felony, punishable by life in prison if convicted
- First-degree burglary, Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison

to make a withdrawal at the ATM, police said Matthews told her he would sexually assault her if she didn't give him money, then forced her to drive him back to her residence.

SEE MATTHEWS, 3A



Guard center gets \$13M

The Readiness Center will house more officers and equipment.

By Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

During Sen. Tom Harkin's time in the Navy, only one line stuck in the young pilot's head: Never leave a buddy behind.

This is not only true "in the battlefield but on the home front," Harkin, D-Iowa, said on Feb. 9 to the Iowa National Guard's 109th Medical Battalion Unit as he helped present \$13 million in funding to build a new Readiness Center.

Along with Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, and National Guard officials, Harkin gave a brief speech about the facility that will begin construction early this summer and be completed by 2010. The building — approximately 93,000 square feet — will provide an assembly hall, kitchen, classrooms, administrative and recruiting space, and parking for personal and military vehicles.

The new Readiness Center will be located on 25 acres of land close to where Highway 218 crosses Melrose Avenue.

The current Readiness Center, 925 S. Dubuque St., was originally constructed in 1937 as a riding arena and stables for the Iowa cavalry. First holding roughly 130 officers, it now serves as the training facility for more 400.

"At 71 years old, it does show," Loebsack said. "Enough is enough."

Plans to build a new center have been in place since the late 1980s, but solid arrangements and funding hadn't been established until recently. Major Adjutant Gen. Ron Dardis said



Chris Vanderwall/The Daily Iowan

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, speaks to National Guard members about a proposed new 93,000 square-foot facility. Harkin recalled his days in the Navy during the Vietnam War, where he said he learned the lesson "never leave a buddy behind."

What the new Readiness Center will house:

- Assembly hall
- Kitchen
- Classrooms
- Administrative space
- Recruiting space
- Parking for personal and military vehicles

The new center will also help training opportunities and capacity and increase overall efficiency within the guard.

Loebsack said the facility will serve officers' families through designated areas, it will help increase emergency preparedness, and serve the Johnson County community as well.

"We have the responsibility to serve you with the same dedication as you serve us," Loebsack said.

Harkin thanked the men and women for their sacrifices and service and said the building was overdue.

"In my opinion, we've been leaving our guard members behind," he said.

The speakers repeated that

the plan was a joint effort between the federal delegations, Gov. Chet Culver's office, Johnson County, and the City of Iowa City. Locally, Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney and Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey spoke at the event as well.

Harney said he hoped the new building fulfilled the officers' needs and Bailey said the building was a significant priority.

"I'm delighted the facility is finally moving ahead," Bailey said.

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METRO

DI wins award

The *Daily Iowan* was named the state's best newspaper website on Feb. 8 by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

The award was announced during the association's annual convention and trade show held on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown.

The *DI* is placed in the Class 2 category — those with a circulation of 10,000 or greater — of daily newspapers.

Officials from the Nebraska Press Association judged more than 4,200 entries in dozens of categories.

DI reporters placed among the newspaper awards.

Former Sports Editor Tyson Wirth won second place for best sports story for his piece on athletics in Iowa prisons. Former Metro reporters Mason Kerns and Margaret Poe also placed in second for best series for their articles on the sex-abuse charges against Catholic priests in Iowa City. Current Sports reporter Eric Mandel placed third in the best personality feature category for his profile on a softball player facing depression.

The *DI* also won second place for best promotion of a newspaper regarding the newspaper's advertisements on Iowa City Transit.

— by Clara Hogan

Woman faces 3rd OWI

A woman faces a felony after police charged her with an OWI Feb. 9, police reported.

Jarita Johnson, 38, 1232 Esther Court, was arrested and charged with a third-offense OWI.

Iowa City police stopped Johnson in her white Ford Explorer around 11

p.m. Feb. 9 near the the intersection of Highways 1 and 6 because her left brake light was out.

The officer allegedly noticed a strong smell of alcohol beverage coming from the vehicle, and Johnson reportedly admitted to drinking three beers earlier that evening.

Police said Johnson and the vehicle's other occupants had been in an altercation at a bar earlier in the evening.

Johnson failed one field-sobriety test and refused two others, according to reports.

Her blood-alcohol concentration was recorded at .171.

Johnson has two prior OWIs from November 1999 and October 2003.

A third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

IC man faces 2 felonies

An Iowa City man faces two felony charges after Johnson County sheriff's deputies allegedly seized 70 grams of cocaine base from a vehicle Feb. 7, authorities reported.

Julius Sharkey, 21, 2434 Lakeside Drive Apt. 5, is charged with a controlled-substance violation and failure to affix a drug-tax stamp, according to reports.

Sharkey was the passenger in a vehicle stopped for a traffic violation around 9 p.m. Feb. 7 on the Herbert Hoover Highway.

Deputies allegedly discovered the 70 grams of cocaine base hidden in the passenger-side vent cover. It field tested positive for the presence

of cocaine.

Sharkey's controlled-substance violation is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison. Failure to affix a drug-tax stamp is a Class D felony, punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

Sharkey has previously pleaded guilty to giving false information to a law-enforcement officer in a November 2007 incident, and he was fined \$100, online court records show.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Woman's trial date reset

The trial date has been reset for a woman who allegedly assisted her boyfriend after he committed an armed robbery.

Sherrica Barnette, 31, was originally set to appear Feb. 18; she will now begin her trial on March 31.

On Aug. 24, 2007, Barnette reportedly transported her boyfriend from HyVee gas to a residence in Coralville after police allege he pointed a handgun at an employee demanding money from the cash register.

Diakite Bakara, 30, was charged with first-degree robbery on Sept. 18, 2007, along with tampering with witnesses or jurors and identity theft around two weeks later. The day of the incident, police reported that he made a phone call to Barnette threatening her and her children.

Barnette was charged on Oct. 2, 2007, with accessory after the fact. According to reports, Barnette failed to contact law enforcement officers after the incident and had contact with Diakite for two weeks after.

Accessory after the fact is an

aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison or one year in jail and up to a fine of \$5,000.

— by Olivia Moran

St. Mary's to aid in priest settlement

To help pay the \$37 million settlement between the Davenport Roman Catholic Diocese and those who were allegedly sexually abused by priests, Iowa City's St. Mary's Church will contribute \$650,000 from the parish's savings, according to a church bulletin online.

St. Mary's, 302 E. Jefferson St., is one of the four parishes across Iowa asked to help pay for the settlement. The four parishes were chosen because they had the most serious claims against them, the bulletin said.

Four plaintiffs in the suit testified they were sexually abused by Monsignor Carl Meinberg, a pastor at St. Mary's from 1940 to 1967, the bulletin said.

The church's finance council is paying the sum "pending verification of the potential claims and approval of the release documents."

The *Quad-City Times* reported St. Anthony's in Davenport will pay \$1 million and Our Lady in Davenport will pay an unreported amount. The fourth church has not yet been named.

The Davenport Diocese covers 22 counties in southeastern Iowa; it will pay \$17.5 million toward the settlement. Its insurance company will pay the rest of the \$37 million settlement.

— by Clara Hogan

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POLICE BLOTTER

Stephanie Baer, 19, 522 N. Clinton St., was charged Feb. 8 with PAULA. **Michael Bakerdjic**, 20, 302 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1226, was charged Feb. 8 with keeping a disorderly house.

Matthew Becker, 20, Wilmette, Ill., was charged Feb. 9 with public intoxication.

Chad Brennecke, 23, Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged Feb. 9 with OWI. **Susie Bryant**, 47, Coralville, was charged Dec. 27, 2007 with driving with a revoked license.

Eleazar Diaz, 27, 202 Blackfoot Trail, was charged Feb. 9 with public intoxication.

Bradley Duffe, 18, Moscow, Iowa, was charged Feb. 8 with urinating in public, public intoxication, obstructing an officer, and unlawful use of a driver's license/ID of another.

Georges Elossais, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 9 with OWI.

Robert Gerard, 45, address unknown, was charged Feb. 8 with public intoxication.

Ivan Handemon, 20, address unknown, was charged Feb. 2 with assault causing injury, obstructing emergency communication, and criminal trespass.

Di Marco Harris, 29, 840 Maggard St. Apt. 11, was charged Feb. 8 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Jonathan Hegwood, 19, S302 Parklawn, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Juan Hernandez, 37, Mission, Texas, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Caylee Hourigan, 21, 2812

Muscatine Ave., was charged Feb. 8 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Nathaniel Hudetz, 21, 131 E. Davenport St. Apt. 1, was charged Feb. 8 with public intoxication.

Peter Jahn, 19, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1721, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jarita Johnson, 38, 1232 Esther Court, was charged Feb. 8 with third or subsequent OWI.

Amber Janssen, 18, Coralville, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Irfan Kraina, 20, Coralville, was charged Feb. 7 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Brian Miller, 23, 203 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 113, was charged Feb. 9 with fifth-degree theft.

Kimberly Philipp, 19, H456 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 8 with

PAULA. **Ciro Poblete**, 45, Coralville, was charged Feb. 9 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Jesse Rivers, 27, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 9 with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Elizabeth Silagi, 22, 530 S. Clinton St. Apt. 9, was charged Feb. 7 with OWI.

Timothy Swarthout, 20, 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2031, was charged Feb. 8 with public intoxication and possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID.

Adrian Taylor, 32, 210 E. Davenport St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 7 with serious or aggravated domestic abuse assault with injury.

Amanda Violette, 21, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. G6, was charged Feb. 9 with fifth-degree theft.

Man charged in attack

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Authorities began an extensive investigation, casing the woman's home, the surrounding area, her vehicle, and the ATM. Police and hospital staff obtained two critical DNA samples — one taken directly from the woman and one taken from an item Matthews' touched in the woman's home.

This DNA allegedly matched Matthews's DNA in a database with the Iowa Department of Corrections. Matthews had been sentenced in December 2007 for an unrelated burglary he was arrested for in July 2007.

Matthews was jailed again Feb. 7 after he called police Feb. 6, telling authorities he had contacted his former girlfriend several times — even though the woman had a protective order against him — demanding property "he felt he was entitled to receive," reports said.

While Matthews was in jail, police took a DNA swab and reportedly confirmed that his DNA matched DNA from the Jema Court incident.

First-degree kidnapping and first-degree sexual abuse are both Class A felonies. If convicted, each is punishable by life in prison. First-degree burglary is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

Kelsay said this case was a particularly "brutal."

"Here's a person who should be secure in their own home," he said. "And Matthews [violated] that."

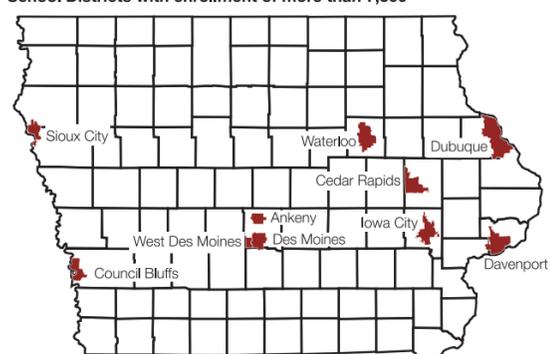
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IC schools may get more funds

Education Budget Increase

The schools with the largest enrollment will benefit the most from the 4 percent increase in education funding. The amount is expected to be an additional \$222 per student that will be used for the 2009-10 school year.

School Districts with enrollment of more than 7,500



Source: Iowa Department of Education
Carl Schultze/The Daily Iowan

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"Four percent is what the government called for, and it's what we got," he said. "It's what we could afford in light of the economy."

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, the vice chairwoman of the Education Committee, said the amount appropriated for schools varies from year to year and depends on other commitments the committee made.

"We don't want to renege," she said.

Not all schools would actually see an increase in funding; two-thirds of Iowa's school districts are declining in enrollment population — especially those in rural communities — and therefore would receive smaller amounts of money.

But both Schoenjahn

and Buckton spoke about the possibility of establishing a statewide 1-cent sales tax.

"Although 4 percent might seem like a lot, there are ways to go and resources to meet the needs of all the school districts," Buckton said.

Because property taxes are used for so many other things, she said, the 1-cent sales tax would be better because legislators could designate the money specifically for Iowa schools.

The statewide 1-cent sales tax would lead to monetary increases in all districts, she said.

"When the allowable budget doesn't keep pace with the funds, it's really difficult," Cilek said.

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Biofuels draw fire



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Kirkwood freshman Brittney Feldman fills her car up with unleaded gasoline at the Kum & Go at the intersection of Madison and Burlington Streets on April 26, 2006. Two recent studies say that biofuels hurt the environment more than fossil fuels.

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Land that could be more beneficial to the environment before being converted for bio-fuel harvesting could include conservation reserve land, such as prairie or forests, he said. These lands take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere as well as house many animals, which is better use of the land for aiding the environment than producing ethanol, Schnoor added.

"The federal program that pays to keep conservation reserve land in the state — which is part of the Farm Bill — will pay farmers to keep some land in conservation reserve," the professor said. "This likely could be possible prairie or wooded lands."

Schnoor added that a potential problem arises if pressure causes farmers to convert land from the eco-friendly reserve land to intensively managed, but profitable, corn-producing

"The return on ethanol is much better for the environment than gas or coal."

— **Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry**

land for ethanol production. Though this is a possibility, he said, it is not an issue yet.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, which engineered the Farm Bill, said he is not concerned with any imminent threat biofuels hold for Iowa, adding that the new

findings on the alternative energy source are inaccurate.

"The return on ethanol is much better for the environment than gas or coal," Harkin said.

The senator said that, contrary to the studies' findings, harvesting grassland and plant switchgrass for biofuel production is extremely efficient, and there is not net increase in greenhouse gases.

Congress is waiting for President George Bush to act on the Farm Bill — a piece of legislation he has threatened to veto because of the high-subsidies the bill offers to farmers.

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Homicide shocks neighbor

Dr. Harold P. Schedl, 84

Dr. Harold P. Schedl, Emeritus Professor of the University of Iowa, died Thursday, January 31, 2008, of a stroke. He was 87 and lived in Iowa City, Iowa. Born September 17, 1920, in St. Paul, Minnesota, he was educated at Sacred Heart and Harding High School, graduating with honors. He received a scholarship to Yale University, where he graduated in 1943 (BS), 1944 (MS), and 1946 (PhD, chemistry). His PhD thesis involved research on marine steroids. He was elected to Sigma XI.

During WWII he was deferred to work on chemical research and training of officers. After the war he worked at American Cyanamid on the synthesis of antispasmodics. He became a research fellow in Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa in 1950 and began medical training for an M.D. in 1951. After receiving his M.D., he interned at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. He was a Research Scientist at NIH from 1956 to 1959, was appointed to the faculty of the Dept. of Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa in 1960, where he became a full professor in 1967. All of his colleagues were his friends, who admired him not only for his extraordinary store of knowledge in many fields but also for the pleasure of his company and his wonderful sense of humor. He was interested in and knowledgeable about almost everything, a true "Renaissance scholar." Jim Clifton, who was division director from 1953 to 1971, attributed the early research reputation of the University of Iowa Gastroenterology division to Hal, who trained more than 21 fellows and 6 graduate students. He said of Hal that "He was the rock on which our research program rested, and the program in turn brought us national and international recognition. Without Hal, it could not have happened."

Hal was a recipient of both the Lederle Medical Faculty Award and the Guggenheim, Commonwealth, and Macy Awards. From 1965 to 1966 he was a research fellow at Churchill College in Cambridge, England, and from 1979 to 1980 at the University of London. He received a number of NIH and Veterans Administration grants. He served on the boards of a number of journals and was the editor of the Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine. He was an ardent researcher who published over 150 research papers. His most important work was his seminal research on oral re-hydration (i.e., giving patients with severe diarrheal disease a solution of glucose and sodium in water). This revolutionary work, published in Nature (1963), provided a significant part of the scientific basis for the current day life-saving simple treatment for diarrheal diseases such as cholera and infantile diarrhea. It also provided a basis for fluid replacement under conditions of stress or athletic exercise (i.e., athletic drinks). Other research papers of interest were related to fluid retention caused by renal function in liver and cardiac diseases, and numerous studies on calcium and vitamin D absorption in the gut.

Among his many and varied interests, Hal was an avid mushroom hunter and he loved cross-country skiing. He and his wife, Naomi, traveled the world. He relished great music and the outdoors. He spent much of his free time talking to his grandchildren who relied upon him for frequent homework assistance.

Hal is survived by his wife, Naomi Kark Schedl, whom he married in 1945, their 3 children, Paul Schedl of Princeton, New Jersey, Andrew Schedl of Charleston, West Virginia, and Tim Schedl of St. Louis, Missouri, and his 6 grandchildren, all of whom love him and will miss him tremendously.

A memorial service will be held in Iowa City in June. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the University of Iowa Foundation, UI Carver College of Medicine Development in Dr. Harold P. Schedl's name.

HOMICIDE
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"It was obvious it was too late," she said, noting that McEwen had no pulse.

A subsequent investigation by the Iowa City police and Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation revealed that McEwen's door showed signs of forced entry. Authorities discovered what they believe to be Curtis Fry's wallet, jacket, and a pair of blood-stained jeans in McEwen's bedroom and around the crime scene.

Police said Fry called an acquaintance between 1:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. on Feb. 7, telling the acquaintance he "hit 'a guy' who was 'freaking him out because he was gurgling," and Fry thought the 'guy was dying,'" reports said.

"The injuries discovered during McEwen's autopsy could cause the victim to make a gurgling sound as he was dying," police reported.

Fry's brother reported Fry missing to the police twice on Feb. 7 in the area of South Van Buren Street, once at 1:15 a.m. and again at 2:30 a.m. Fry's brother eventually found Fry, who, police said, was not wearing his jeans or jacket but was dressed in two coats the brother did not recognize, authorities said.

'It's just not fair'

Nestor, one of McEwen's neighbors, described the 75-year-old as good neighbor and gentle person.

"He was just a very peaceful, quiet person, and he enjoyed it whenever anybody gave their time to him," Nestor said. He attended synagogue every week, she said.

McEwen didn't talk much about his family but liked to ask Nestor questions and talk about his life when he was younger, Nestor said.

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McEwen had nurses visit to help take care of him, but Nestor said she often asked him if he needed anything and remembered helping him in April 2006 during the tornado.

Nestor said McEwen would often leave his door open to hear what was going on around the apartment building.

"I just liked living across from him," she said. "He was different than living by ... college students."

Growing up in Wilton

Curtis Fry attended Wilton Junior/Senior High and played football, baseball, and golf.

"He was the jock type," Davis said. "If you were to find people he graduated with, they would all be in shock."

On Fry's MySpace page — which was removed two days after he was arrested — he lists his workplace as "Boys Ranch."

His parents operate the non-profit, Christian-based Miracles Can Happen Boys Ranch Inc. in Wilton.

According to the elder Frys' website, the ranch is a correctional facility aimed at teaching Christian values for troubled boys between 14 and 18.

Boys stay at the ranch for roughly two-and-a-half years, and "receive consequences according to their behavior."

"Digging a hole for not getting along with someone at home or school, loading manure is probably the worst consequence," the

website states.

A family blog shows that Curtis Fry was actively involved mentoring the ranch's residents. When the family let go of a boy after only eight months, his mother wrote, "Curtis said [to the boy], 'You hurt me bad it really hurt me but ... I forgive you, and I love ya, man.'"

Fry attended St. Ambrose University in Davenport. A football roster from 2005 shows Fry was a defensive back as a freshman.

He dropped out after first semester of freshman year, an acquaintance at the school said.

In August 2007, Fry began working outside the family's ranch but continued to reside there and occasionally milked cows, the blog said.

On Feb. 9, family members declined comment.

'A good Catholic boy'

The night of McEwen's death was also Curtis Fry's 21st birthday. Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said whether alcohol was involved "is a logical question."

One of Fry's acquaintances from St. Ambrose — who said she socialized with Fry a few times — said she didn't remember him as a drinker in college.

"The impression I got from him was a good Catholic boy," she said. "I remember him as a kind, friendly, gentle person."

Fry would often opt out of partying, she said, staying in to do homework.

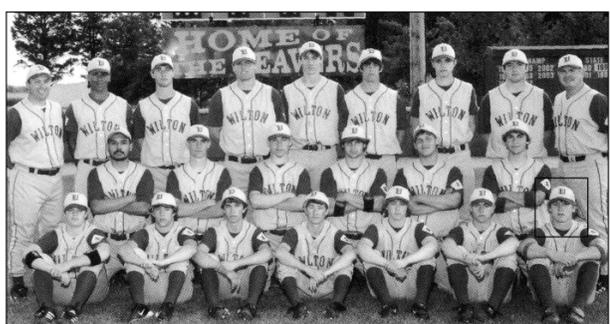
Davis had the same impression as Fry's acquaintance.

"I would never have known him to go out and drink. He was underage," he said. "That was a very big no-no."

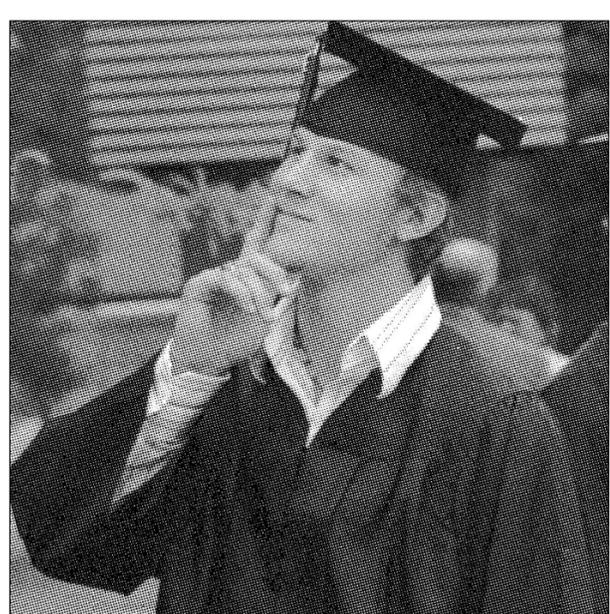
Fry was also listed as a non-drinker on his MySpace page, and he has no prior criminal record according to Iowa online court records.

The consequences

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Contributed photo by Wilton Junior-Senior High School yearbook
Curtis Fry played right field for Wilton High's 2005 state champion baseball team, which finished 42-0.



Contributed photo by Wilton Junior-Senior High School yearbook
Curtis Fry graduated from Wilton High in 2005.

degree murder, a Class B felony, Fry could spend up to 25 years in prison.

Those involved have different outlooks on the future.

"[McEwen] was an older person, but it still obviously wasn't his time. Curtis took

his life away," Nestor said. "I hope that he gets as much time as he can."

"It's a personal nightmare," Davis said. "Many people's lives are ruined now."

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Police bust alleged fake ID maker

Investigating officers allegedly also find a mushroom-growing operation and two assault rifles in man's house.

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

An alleged local producer of fake identification-cards who was reportedly running a large-scale operation is out of business, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said Feb. 8. Anders Haig, 20, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4, who was arrested after turning himself in Feb. 8, is accused of eight counts of making false licenses and also a controlled-substance violation for allegedly growing "magic" mushrooms. "This isn't just some rinky-dink operation," Kelsay said about Haig's ID business. Haig "established this

moneymaking business for himself" to sell to people he didn't know, Kelsay alleged.

As of Sunday, Haig was being held at Johnson County Jail on a \$31,000 bond.

Kelsay said officers started noticing and confiscating Haig's "good-quality" fake IDs since last summer. All had similar nuances wrong with them.

"If you gave [the ID] to someone who is experienced in handling them, there are certain tells on there," Kelsay said. "Once you confirm that it isn't right, they all stand out like sore thumbs."

Police obtained a search warrant at Haig's residence

Nov. 15, 2007, and they seized his laptop computer, identification-card printers, a lamination machine, and ID-card materials, according to reports.

With Haig's computer and a slew of fake IDs, Iowa City police Investigator David Nixon was able to make eight matches between computer records and actual IDs, Kelsay said, adding that though police probably could have made more matches, "there's so many man hours involved" and Nixon thought he had a sufficient number of charges.

All of the IDs were created to show the holder as being of legal drinking age. The

licenses mimic those of Wisconsin, Michigan, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. Kelsay said Haig may have charged as much as \$200 for an ID.

But officers found more than Haig's license-making business at his residence.

Underneath his license printer, police discovered a magic-mushroom-growing operation: two totes with a heat source and 12 one-pint mason jars containing vermiculite, according to reports.

Police obtained another search warrant to seize the substance, and sent it to the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. Officials there discovered mycelia in three of the jars and tested it, determining it contained psilocybin, a hallucinogenic fungus.

Reports said officers also found two assault rifles in a

gun safe near Haig's alleged grow operation.

Kelsay said police won't pursue any additional charges against Haig, and the investigation is closed.

Police complaints show that authorities had already charged Haig with possession of a fictitious license Nov. 15, 2007 — the same day authorities seized his license-making materials — for having a fake Colorado driver's license with his picture on it. Haig pleaded not guilty to the charge, and has a trial set for March. Haig also received a PAULA on that date, online court records show.

Records also show Haig has pleaded guilty to a third-degree theft charge after he stole \$977 of merchandise from Von Maur in June 2007. Haig was ordered to 25 hours of community service and a year of probation for that incident.

Each count of making a false license is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail or a \$500 fine.

Haig's controlled-substance violation is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

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METRO

Solon couple charged

A Solon couple were charged with domestic-abuse assault after both are accused of harming the other, Johnson County sheriff's deputies reported.

Marc Rebal, 28, 701 Plum St., was charged with domestic-abuse assault without intent to cause injury. His reported girlfriend, Jessica Church, 26, of the same address, was charged with domestic-abuse assault.

According to police reports, a deputy witnessed Church being dragged behind her boyfriend's snowmobile. He reportedly dragged her for two blocks, with her arm wrapped around the snowmobile's bumper, down an alley across Highway 1, where she was able to break free.

Reports said Rebal "continued on with no regard or concern for [Church's] safety."

After the incident, Church denied being dragged behind Rebal's snowmobile, even though the deputy had witnessed the incident.

Witnesses said that Church and Rebal were in a physical confrontation at a grocery store parking lot and that Church initiated at argument at a Solon bar. Rebal told deputies Church grabbed him and ripped his helmet off his head.

Rebal's charge is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,500.

Church's charge is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail or a fine of up to \$500.

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VA gets a plum

The Iowa City VA receives \$5.85 million from Congress to expand research facilities.

By Patrick Futtner
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center will expand its research facilities thanks to a \$5.85 million contribution from the U.S. Congress.

A state-of-the-art research facility will be constructed in part because of Congress' effort to increase funding for Veterans Affairs in fiscal 2009 — the amount appropriated was higher than President Bush's requested level. The grant was announced Feb. 8.

"[The money will] allow the Iowa City VA to continue its great tradition of treating and caring for Iowa's veterans," said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, in a statement. "It is my priority to ensure that every veteran soldier, sailor, airman, and Marine is treated with all the compassion and support

our grateful nation can bestow."

Iowa City Veterans Affairs spokesman Kirt Sickels said architectural work was not scheduled to begin until June. With the funds already raised through Congress, construction will occur earlier than planned, he said.

"It's great news for us. We are very pleased that the congressman could get us that money," he said. "We weren't planning on receiving funding until later in the year. It will be a challenge to get everything done within this year."

This expansion will be the final step in a three-phase project at the Iowa City hospital to increase medical research for veterans.

The research facility, the third new Iowa City VA building in the last four years, will create extra lab space to study

various medical ailments, such as lung and cardiovascular disease, and diabetes.

"It will give us needed space to provide the research that is needed," Sickels said. "It is essential for us to have a research facility to provide better care for our veterans."

Even though there are space limitations because the VA will share resources with the UI Hospitals and Clinics, Loebsack will ensure the facility will be built as quickly as possible so veterans can attain the benefits.

"Last year, I supported the largest-ever funding increase for the Veterans Administration, and today we are building on our promise to our nation's veterans here in Iowa by securing this important funding," he said.

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Iowa bill would drop advanced-placement fees

Advanced-placement exam fees could be waived if bill is passed.

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

High-school seniors, put that \$84 back in your pocket — the advanced-placement exam fees could be waived if a recently proposed bill is passed.

On Feb. 7, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver proposed a bill titled the Iowa Senior Year Program, which would make freshman-level college courses available to high-school students throughout Iowa at little or no costs and would require that all public high schools in the state offer the corresponding courses.

"[The bill] levels the playing ground so everyone won't have to worry about writing the check for it," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "I also think it's important that everyone is ready for the test as well; preparation is more important

than the costs — all people should have equal access."

The current cost to take an advanced-placement exam is \$84, but fee reductions of \$22 are available for students with financial need, according to the College Board, an organization that conducts advanced-placement tests. The schools of the students receiving free or reduced exams don't have to pay the normal \$8 rebate per exam, making the initial fee for these students \$54.

If passed, the bill would use approximately \$3 million in state funds next year.

Although the bill would reduce the cost of exams in schools, some fear a tax hike could be on its way if other funds to pay for the bill aren't established.

Jacoby, who feels that while the bill's concept is good, said

the funding should be considered for the bill's implementation and development.

"It's a great concept, but you have to figure out how you're going to pay for it," he said. "I think those concerns are somewhat founded, because with a limited budget, are you taking money away from something else? But the goal is to get more people into college. I think it's real premature for people to say it's a bad idea."

Jenna Broghamer, a junior at Iowa City West High School, said she approved of making the classes available in all high schools.

Allowing students to take college courses at no cost is a good idea, she said, but the costs don't stop students from taking advanced-placement classes.

"I think it would be a really good thing to do, but I don't think many kids are detoured away from taking classes because of the costs," Broghamer said.

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STATE

Survey: Many Iowa lawmakers back gay-marriage ban

DES MOINES (AP) — Many Iowa lawmakers say they support defining marriage as only between a man and a woman, according to a survey.

In a copyright story in the *Des Moines Register*, a poll shows half of the 100 members of the Iowa House of Representatives would vote in favor of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Of those 50 representatives, 45 are already co-sponsors of a measure that would amend the state's constitution to limit marriage to being between a man and a woman.

The remaining representatives say they would be against the move.

Among state senators, 21 say they would approve the amendment. But 16 said they would be against it. Another seven are undecided, while six did not answer either way.

The issue has gained momentum since last summer when a Polk County judge ruled Iowa's marriage law is unconstitutional. The decision has been appealed to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, some lawmakers hope an amendment would ensure

same sex marriage is prohibited.

Though the *Register* survey shows that overall most Republicans support the move while Democrats oppose it, some lawmakers fall outside the trend.

Seven Democrats say they'd back amending the constitution, including Sen. Dennis Black of Grinnell.

"A basic tenet of my faith is one man, one woman, one time," Black said.

Two Republicans said they wouldn't endorse a change.

"You don't need to put discrimination into the constitution ever, no matter what the reason," said Sen. Mary Lundby, R-Marion.

Rep. Chuck Gipp, R-Decorah, also said he doesn't support the amendment.

ISU scientist wins National Geographic award

AMES (AP) — Iowa State University scientist Jill Pruetz has won an award from the National Geographic Society, naming her an emerging authority in primatology.

The associate anthropology professor is among 11 "Emerging Explorers" in the world who are featured in this month's National

Geographic magazine.

"I can't think of a better award to win," Pruetz said.

National Geographic officials said winners don't apply for the Emerging Explorers Program themselves, they are selected by a network of experts who make nominations.

Pruetz is currently based in Fongoli, Senegal, in west Africa, where she studies savannah chimpanzees. Although she's had to battle malaria and avoid poisonous snakes during the last seven years of her research there, Pruetz has made some unique findings.

In a study published last year, her team reported seeing chimpanzees using spears to hunt bushbabies — a small primate that lives in hollow branches or tree trunks.

Pruetz said the chimpanzees made the spears from tree branches and sharpened the tips with their teeth. The tools that the animals used are now on display at National Geographic's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Pruetz has also found chimpanzees playing in ponds in the hottest part of the day, seemingly to cool off. Some scientists had believed chimpanzees would usually avoid water because they were afraid of it.

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Obama wins Maine

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Barack Obama defeated Hillary Rodham Clinton in Maine presidential caucuses Sunday, grabbing a majority of delegates as the state's Democrats paid no attention to the snowy weather and turned out in heavy numbers for municipal gatherings.

Democrats in 420 Maine towns and cities were deciding how the state's 24 delegates will be allotted at the party's national convention in August. Despite the weather, turnout was "incredible," party executive director Arden Manning said.

With 79 percent of the participating precincts reporting, Obama led in state delegates elected over Rodham Clinton, 1,817 to 1,263, with 17 uncommitted.

The voting came a day after Obama and Rodham Clinton made personal appeals here and after Obama picked up wins in Louisiana, Nebraska, and Washington.

Organizers had expected heavy participation at the caucuses, but snow was falling and gusting winds hit as many of the gatherings were scheduled.

The weather didn't appear to have hurt turnout. Caucuses started late in Bangor and several other locations across the state because so many people showed up that they were lined up outside the doors.

In Maine's largest city, Democrats carrying "Obama" and "Hillary" signs waited to get into the citywide caucus at Portland High School in separate lines that snaked nearly three city blocks in opposite directions.

Colin Johnson, an Obama supporter in Portland, said the Illinois senator is not a typical politician. "I'm convinced he's a once-in-a-generation leader," he said.

"He's young and energetic, and Washington and the White House could benefit from some fresh air," said Joe Lewis, another Obama supporter.

But Tony Donovan said Obama can use some more seasoning. Donovan was supporting Rodham Clinton because she, like him, was a baby boomer who shared similar values and because she has the experience and the team to lead in Washington.

"Obama's a great guy. He'll be great in eight years," Donovan said. "He doesn't have the experience in the Senate. He doesn't have the experience in Washington. He's not ready."

Rodham Clinton replaces campaign manager

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton replaced campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle with longtime aide Maggie Williams on Sunday, engineering a shakeup in a presidential campaign struggling to overcome rival Sen. Barack Obama's financial and political strengths.

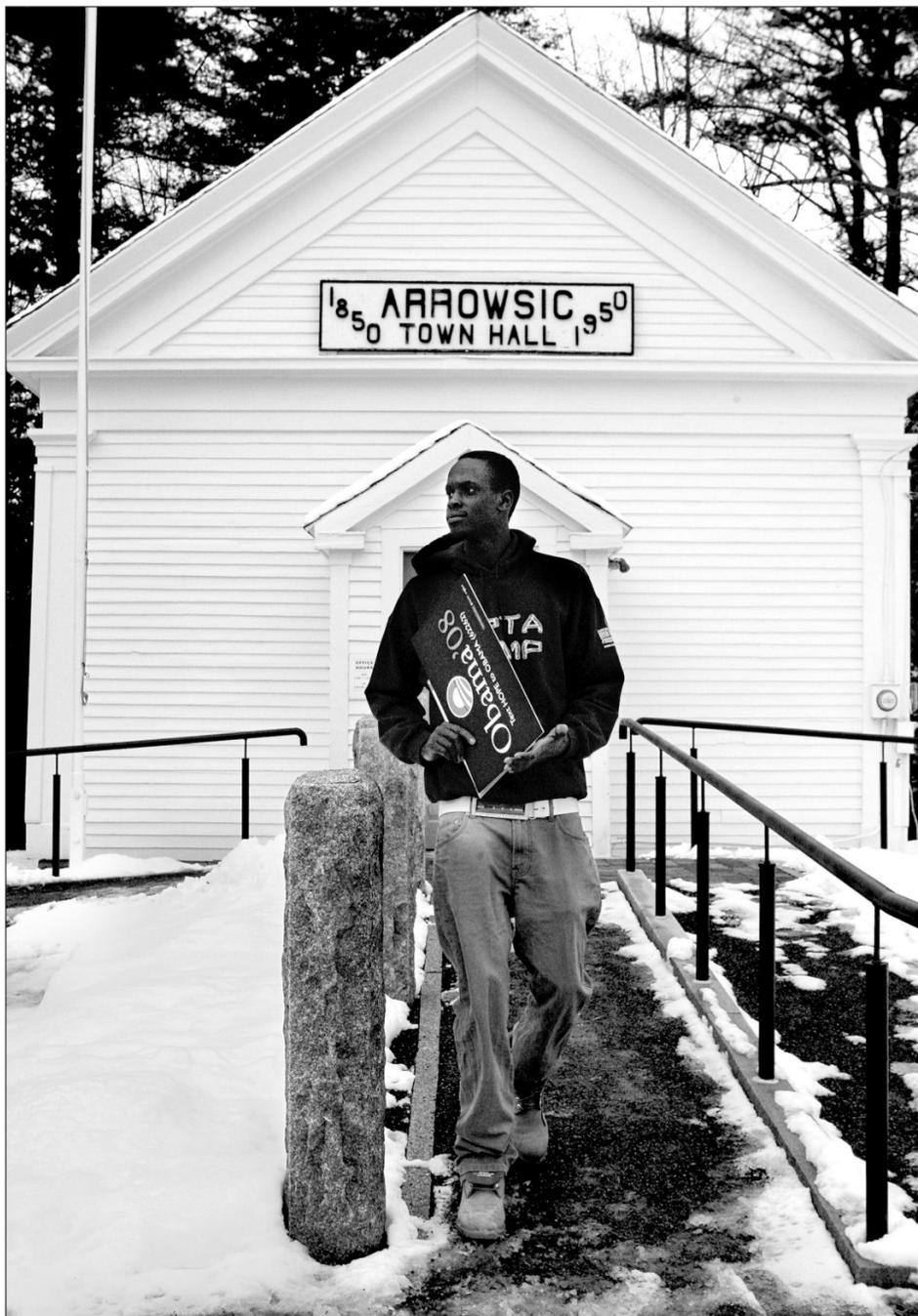
The surprise announcement came hours after Obama's sweep of three contests Feb. 9 and shortly before the Illinois senator won caucuses in Maine on Sunday. Determined to stem the tide, Rodham Clinton turned to a longtime confidante to manage her operations while the campaign acknowledged that she made a private visit to North Carolina this week to seek the endorsement of former rival John Edwards.

Campaign aides said Solis Doyle made the decision to leave on her own and was not urged to do so by the former first lady or any other senior member of the team. But it comes as Rodham Clinton struggles to catch Obama in fundraising and momentum and faces the prospect of losing every voting contest yet to come in February.

Solis Doyle announced the shift in an e-mail to the staff on Sunday. "I have been proud to manage this campaign and prouder still to call Hillary my friend for more than 16 years," Solis Doyle wrote. "Maggie is a remarkable person, and I am confident that she will do a fabulous job."

Solis Doyle said she will serve as a senior adviser to Rodham Clinton and the campaign, and travel with Rodham Clinton from time to time.

Williams, who served as Rodham Clinton's White House chief of staff, joined the campaign after the New York senator narrowly won the New Hampshire primary Jan. 8. She will begin assuming the duties of campaign manager this week.



Pat Wellenbach/Associated Press

Barack Obama supporter Pak Lul, who is originally from the Sudan and recently became an American citizen, leaves the local Democratic caucus at the Town Hall in Arrowsic, Maine, on Sunday. Obama easily defeated Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in the caucuses.

Gates says Iraqi political leaders showing signs of progress

BAGHDAD (AP) — Hard choices face Iraq's political leaders on how to stabilize the country despite promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday.

"They seem to have become energized over the last few weeks," he said. The Pentagon chief told reporters who traveled with him from a conference in Germany that he wants to "see what the prospects are for further success in the next couple of months."

In an interview on the trip to Iraq, Gates cited the recent passage of an amnesty law as an example of political progress. He said he would ask Iraqi leaders to assess the prospects for other important steps such as passing a law that would spell out power-sharing between the provinces and the national government.

He compared the struggle over that idea to the U.S. Founding Fathers' quest to find a constitutional compromise on how to share power in Congress between big and small states.

Gates said he would make clear to Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and other political leaders that "our continued eagerness for them to proceed and successfully conclude some of this legislation" considered essential to reconciling Shiites, Sunnis, and Kurds.

UN says 12,000 terrified refugees flee Sudan's Darfur for Chad after air strikes

GENEVA (AP) — Up to 12,000 refugees fled Sudan's Darfur region to neighboring Chad over the weekend following air strikes by the Sudanese military and thousands more may be coming, the U.N. refugee agency said Sunday.

The agency was bringing emergency assistance to the Chad border where the Darfur refugees were giving detailed descriptions of air attacks Friday on three West Darfur towns.

The refugees are "desperate and terrified," said Helene Caux, a spokeswoman for the U.N. High

Commissioner for Refugees. "They told of their villages being looted and burned, and encircled by militia." Most of the new refugees in Chad are men and they told the U.N. that thousands of women and children are on their way, Caux added.

U.N. officials say the worsening situation in Darfur has been exacerbated by a recent rebel attack on the capital of neighboring Chad. Chad has accused Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir of backing those rebels in a bid to prevent deployment of a European peacekeeping force in the Chad-Sudan border region where some 400,000 refugees are living.

Venezuelan president threatens to cut off oil sales to US

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez on Sunday threatened to cut off oil sales to the United States in an "economic war" if Exxon Mobil Corp. wins court

judgments to seize billions of dollars in Venezuelan assets.

Exxon Mobil has gone after the assets of state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA in U.S., British and Dutch courts as it challenges the nationalization of a multibillion dollar oil project by Chavez's government.

A British court has issued an injunction "freezing" as much as \$12 billion in assets.

"If you end up freezing [Venezuelan assets] and it harms us, we're going to harm you," Chavez said during his weekly radio and television program. "Hello, President." "Do you know how? We aren't going to send oil to the United States. Take note, Mr. Bush, Mr. Danger."

Chavez has repeatedly threatened to cut off oil shipments to the United States, which is Venezuela's No. 1 client, if Washington tries to oust him. Chavez's warnings on Sunday appeared to extend that threat to attempts by oil companies to challenge his government's nationalization drive through lawsuits.

U.S. fears of recession grow

Most people in poll believe country is now in the grips of a recession.

By Jeannine Aversa
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit.

Could the country be in recession?

Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is that consumers and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

"Absolutely, we're in a recession," said Hilda Sanchez, 44, of Waterford, Calif.

Squeezed by high energy and food bills, "we can't afford the things that we normally buy," she said. "We are cutting corners in our spending. For our groceries, we are buying a lot of generic and we are eating out less."

For many, the meltdown in the housing and mortgage markets has proved especially disturbing. Record numbers of people were forced from their homes, unable to afford the monthly loan payments. People watched their single biggest asset fall in value, a reason to tighten the belt.

"Obviously, the housing market is creating deep concern. And one of the real problems could be that if people, as a result of their value of their homes going down, kind of pull in their horns," President Bush said in a television interview aired Sunday.

Credit has become harder to get, thwarting would-be home buyers, adding to the glut of unsold homes and aggravating the housing industry's woes.

"For-sale signs are everywhere. In my area, 35 to 40 homes are standing there and aren't even complete. There aren't any buyers," said Jim Sims, 60, of Greer, S.C.

Nanette Dahlin, 52, of St. Louis Park, Minn., called the situation "very scary." She said friends in Madison, Minn., put their home up for sale recently and reduced the asking price more than \$100,000 in just a week. "They are in bad shape," Dahlin said.

For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent. That was the weakest performance since 2002, when the country was struggling to recover from the last recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit in 2007. Builders lowered spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years.

The job market is faltering — a point driven home by a report showing that employers cut jobs in January for the first time in more than four years.

"The way things are, people are afraid of losing their jobs," Sanchez said.

Employment concerns are contributing to darker feelings about the economy and people's own financial well-being. Consumer confidence, as measured by the RBC Cash Index, dropped to a mark of 48.5 in early February. It was the worst reading since the index began in 2002.

A cooling job market along with high energy and food prices are taking a toll on paychecks. Workers' average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, fell 0.9 percent last year. In 2006, earnings grew by a solid 2.1 percent.

Wall Street is unsettled and as a result, people's nest eggs are not what they once were.

In fact, that was the top economic worry in the AP-Ipsos poll. Fifty-nine percent said they were worried "a lot" or "some" about seeing the value of stocks and retirement investments drop.

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Dem insiders may decide vote

Hillary Rodham Clinton leads among party insiders, as Barack Obama racks up primary and caucus delegates.

By Stephen Ohlemacher and Jim Kuhnenn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton retains her lead among suddenly critical Democratic Party insiders even as Barack Obama builds up his delegate margin with primary and caucus victories across the country, according to a survey by the Associated Press.

Of the 796 lawmakers, governors, and party officials who are Democratic super-delegates, Rodham Clinton had 243 and Obama 156. That edge was responsible for her overall advantage in the pursuit of delegates to secure the party's nomination for president. According to the AP's latest tally, Rodham Clinton has 1,127 total delegates and Obama has 1,093, heading into Sunday's Democratic caucuses in Maine. A candidate must get 2,205 delegates to capture the nomination.

(MSNBC, which does not count the super-delegates, gives the edge to Obama, 943-895, including the Illinois senator's victory in Maine on Sunday.)

The numbers illustrate not only the remarkable proximity between the two candidates but also the extraordinary influence super-delegates could wield in determining who becomes the nominee.

Both campaigns are aggressively pursuing super-delegates, trumpeting their endorsements the moment they are secured.

"I told my wife I'm probably going to be pretty popular for a couple months," chuckled Richard Ray, a super-delegate and the president of the Georgia chapter of the AFL-CIO. Ray said he will remain undecided because the labor federation has made no endorsement.

"If it endorses, then I will, too," he said.

The national party has named approximately 720 of the 796 super-delegates. The remainder will be chosen at state party conventions in the spring and summer. AP reporters have interviewed 95 percent of the named delegates, with the most recent round of interviews taking place last week, after Super Tuesday.

For the first time since the AP began contacting super-delegates last fall, more than half of them — 399 — have endorsed a candidate. The remaining 320 or so delegates said they are either undecided or uncommitted, making them the subject of intense lobbying by both campaigns.

With Rodham Clinton and Obama trading wins and losses as the primary and caucus season unfolds, the role of

the super-delegates has been magnified and is causing anxiety inside and outside the campaigns. If the current snapshot of the race holds, super-delegates could decide the nomination in favor of one candidate even if the other receives more votes in the party primaries and caucuses.

Donna Brazile, a top Democratic National Committee member and manager of Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign, said party elders have a role to play but said voters should lead the way.

"I don't want to superimpose my personal views, I want to reflect the will of the voters," she said on Sunday, noting that as a super-delegate she is torn between Obama and Rodham Clinton. "Honestly, I don't want to decide this."

Obama himself weighed in Feb. 8, telling reporters that voters should determine who super-delegates support, even as his campaign actively courted them.

"My strong belief is that if we end up with the most states and the most pledged delegates, and the most voters in the country, then it would be problematic for political insiders to overturn the judgment of the voters," he said. "I think that should be the guiding approach to determining who will be the nominee."

Writers' strike nears climax & denouement

By Lynn Elber
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The Writers Guild of America moved swiftly Sunday toward a resolution of its 3-month-old strike, with guild leaders deciding to recommend a tentative contract to members and ask them to vote on a quick end to the walkout.

By calling for separate votes on ending the strike and accepting the new three-year deal, the union cleared the way for the entertainment industry to return to work almost immediately.

Membership meetings will be held Tuesday in New York and Los Angeles to allow writers to decide whether the strike should be brought to a speedy end, said Patric Verrone, the president of the guild's West Coast branch.

"This is the best deal this guild has bargained for in 30 years," he said.

The tentative contract secures writers a share of the burgeoning digital-media market, he said, including compensation for Internet-delivered TV shows and movies.

"If they [producers] get paid, we get paid. This contract makes that a reality," Verrone said. But, he added, "it is not all we hoped for, and it is not all we deserved."

Still, the union's negotiating committee recommended on Feb. 9 that the contract be accepted, and the West guild's board of directors and the East Coast guild's council agreed. They called for a membership ratification vote, which will be conducted by mail over about two weeks.

Member approval of the



Gary He/Associated Press
Filmmaker Michael Moore signs autographs as he leaves a Writers Guild of America East membership meeting to discuss the latest contract proposal on Feb. 9 in New York. The Writers Guild leadership is moving quickly to resolve the 3-month-old writers' strike, asking the membership to vote on an end to the walkout.

contract and the strike's end appeared likely. At heavily attended membership meetings Feb. 9 in New York and Los Angeles, there was resounding support for the proposed deal that could put TV and movie production back on track, salvage the rest of the TV season and remove a boycott threat from this month's Oscars.

Verrone thanked television viewers who "tolerated three months of reruns and reality TV."

The guild's major bargaining concession to studios was agreeing to take unionization of animation and reality TV shows off the table, Verrone said. The guild has said it still intends to pursue those goals.

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents the studios,

said it had no comment Sunday on the guild's actions.

The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, which represents more than 70,000 performers, broadcasters, and others, lauded the writers guild for winning gains in digital media.

The federation is preparing to begin its own TV contract talks and intends to be "focused, deliberate, and prudent as we engage with the employers to negotiate the best possible agreements for performers," its president, Roberta Reardon, said in a statement.

Despite friction between the federation and the Screen Actors Guild, the two groups traditionally negotiate together on a contract covering feature films and prime-time TV.

That contract expires in June.

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U.S.: Al Qaeda in Iraq weakening

Military officials say documents seized during raids show the organization is losing ground since Sunni tribal leaders turned against them.

By Kim Gamel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

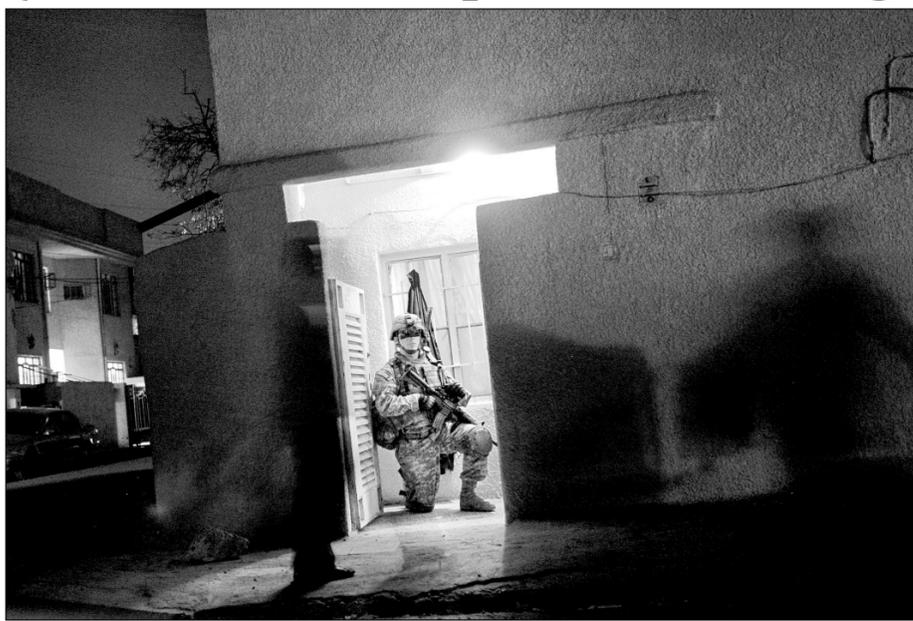
BAGHDAD — As if remembering the good old days, the purported Qaeda in Iraq militant says he was once in charge of almost 600 fighters before Sunni tribal leaders turned against them, leaving him with a force of 20.

The lament was made in what the military says is the daily diary of a Qaeda in Iraq sector leader called Abu Tariq, one of two documents released on Sunday and billed as further evidence that the terror network's operations have been severely curtailed.

"There were almost 600 fighters in our sector before the tribes changed course 180 degrees," Abu Tariq writes, referring to the Sunni tribesmen who have switched sides to fight alongside the Americans. "Many of our fighters quit and some of them joined the deserters ... but things started getting worse ever since."

Rear Adm. Gregory Smith said the documents painted a "narrow but compelling" picture of the challenges facing Al Qaeda in Iraq, but he stressed it was by no means defeated.

Underscoring that point, a spate of car bombs and gun-



A U.S. Army soldier secures an entrance of a house while on patrol in the Azamiyah neighborhood in north Baghdad on Sunday.

Anja Niedringhaus/Associated Press

men struck new U.S. allies, police, and civilians Sunday in northern Iraq, killing at least 42 people.

The violence coincided with a visit by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to Baghdad, where he warned that hard choices face Iraq's political leaders on how to stabilize the country despite promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation.

The military said the two documents were discovered by American troops in November as the Sunni movement that began in Anbar province was spreading to Baghdad and surrounding areas.

One was a 39-page memo written by a mid- to high-level Qaeda in Iraq official with knowledge of the group's operations in Iraq's western Anbar province; the other a 16-page diary written by another group leader north of Baghdad.

"This does not signal the end

of Al Qaeda in Iraq, but it is a contemporary account of the challenges posed to terrorists from the people of Iraq," Smith told reporters in Baghdad.

He said the documents are believed to be authentic because they contain details that only Qaeda in Iraq leaders could know about battlefield movements and tactics. The U.S. military gave reporters partially redacted copies of the full diary but only four pages of the Anbar document, citing security reasons. The documents were provided in their original Arabic as well as the English translation.

In the Anbar document, the author acknowledges a growing weariness among Sunni citizens of militants' presence and the U.S.-led crackdowns against them. He also expresses frustration with foreign fighters too eager to participate in suicide missions rather than continuing to fight.

"The Islamic State of Iraq is faced with an extraordinary crisis, especially in al-Anbar," the author wrote, referring to an umbrella group of insurgents led by Al Qaeda in Iraq.

Smith also quoted the document as saying the group has lost "cities and afterward, villages," adding "we find ourselves in a wasteland desert."

It said U.S.-led forces had learned from their mistakes and improved security had made it harder to transport weapons and suicide belts and forced foreign fighters to go underground because of their distinctive dialects.

The military said the memo was believed to have been written last summer and was intended for the author's superiors.

The diary, seized by U.S. troops south of Balad, was written in autumn 2007 by Abu Tariq, according to the military.

U.S. sniper guilty in death

An Army sniper is convicted of killing unarmed Iraqi civilian and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

By Bradley Brooks
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A military jury on Sunday convicted an Army sniper of murder and sentenced him to 10 years in prison for killing an Iraqi civilian who wandered into the hiding place where six soldiers were sleeping.

Sgt. Evan Vela, 24, was found guilty of murder without premeditation, of aiding and abetting in planting an AK-47 on the dead man's body, and of lying to military investigators about the shooting. He had faced a possible life sentence.

Vela showed no emotion when the verdict was read, but he asked the jury for mercy before it broke to decide his sentence. He apologized to the court, the Army and one of the sons of Genei Nasir al-Janabi, the man he shot with a pistol in May.

"When I came to Iraq, I didn't come to do anything wrong," Vela said, reading from a handwritten statement. "I failed my standards, your standards, and the standards of the Army. All I can say is I'm sorry and ask for mercy."

Vela has been in confinement in Kuwait since July 1. That time will be credited to his sentence, the judge said. He also was sentenced to forfeit all pay and allowances and will receive a dishonorable discharge. The

case was automatically referred to a military appeals court.

Vela's trial was the last of three snipers in the unit accused in a series of shooting deaths south of Baghdad that defense lawyers said happened under command pressure to increase kill counts and, perhaps, employ questionable tactics in doing so.

In September 2007, Gary Myers, then an attorney for Vela, claimed that Army snipers in Iraq were under orders to "bait" their targets with suspicious materials, such as detonation cords, and then kill whoever picked up the items.

The Army has declined to confirm that any such program existed, saying it does not discuss tactics used in the field.

While it does not appear the alleged baiting played in this case, James Culp, Vela's attorney, and others have argued the program may have encouraged the soldiers by blurring the legal lines in a complex war zone.

Vela and several of his fellow Army snipers testified that they were confused and exhausted after more than two days of trekking in high temperatures through the rough terrain near Iskandariyah, a mostly Sunni Arab city 30 miles south of Baghdad.

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Editorial

An industry in need of discipline

Have a seat, mister. We need to talk. Listen, Airline Industry. Your mom wanted me to bring you up here to your room and paddle your bare butt with a wooden spoon, but I calmed her down. She's pretty upset, and honestly, we're all getting pretty upset. Your behavior lately has been, well, pretty substandard. We're all getting a little tired of your act. We want you around, we need you to be an important part of this family, but you seem to be taking a lot more lately and putting a lot less in.

I know things have been tough since 9/11, but delays are up all over the country. I know you've struggled with your finances, and we got you help with that. It's scary, I know, when talk of mergers is reaching a threshold. The problem, young man, is that your attitude stinks. You seem to think you can treat us in any manner you wish, and you don't consider the consequences. Get this straight; you can't survive without us, so it would behoove you to strike a friendlier tone. Because life is difficult for you doesn't mean you have to make it difficult for us.

Look at me when I'm talking to you! Your mother tells me that last week, O'Hare was named the airport with the most delays in the nation. And what was your response? United Airlines, which uses O'Hare as its main hub, is going to start charging us \$25 a pop to check a second piece of luggage and \$25 for every other

piece after that. Do you realize what that's going to do to my spring-break budget? And let's discuss this hub business. It might be convenient for you, sure. It might even seem "cool" because everyone else is doing it. Just because all your friends do something doesn't mean you have to. Did you ever stop to think about what kind of strain it puts on us? Why not take us as far as you can toward where we need to go, then hand us off to someone else who can finish the job? You might lose a little money in the short term, but I'm sure your friends would return the favor and give you some extra business when they get into the same situation. There simply wouldn't be so many connections and layovers. Work together with people instead of trying to do it all yourself, that's the lesson there.

Look, I wasn't always thinking outside of myself when I was young, either, but there are some problems on the horizon if you keep this up. I know fuel costs are getting you down, but you're not the only one that's paying more. And this weather is crazy, I understand that. No one is asking you to change the weather, just think ahead and deal with it as best you can. We'll try to be patient and deal with the delays, but you've got to put more into this relationship first.

Things are hard, sure, but your behavior simply has to improve. We brought you into this world, and we can take you out.

Karl Rove is coming to town. He's not the most well-liked political figure around these parts. But if we do not provide outlets for those with whom we disagree, we are contributing to the climate of polarization and division that is ruining our politics today.

I am a member of the UI Lecture Committee, and I take my position very seriously. Rove has served an extremely influential role in George W. Bush's administration, and he will provide insights that simply aren't available anywhere else. I can't speak for the whole committee, but I firmly believe inviting a figure such as Rove is important.

Let's get this straight: I'm not a fan of Rove's political tactics. I think misinformation and press manipulation are despicable. I have railed against the political tactics of Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign, but its spin doctors are amateurs compared with Rove.

But in recent years, the Lecture Committee has brought former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, such scholars as Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky, such activists as Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and countless others. These are all people on the left of the political spectrum. I wouldn't be doing my job if I failed to reach across to the other aisle. This is why I voted to bring Rove.

Free speech is the most important of our rights. Without it, we have no freedom of religion or press or to assemble. We would never allow our rights to be taken from us — so why must we insist on taking them from ourselves?

Rove, no matter what some may say, is not a mass murderer. He has indeed pursued political campaign strategies that many find abhorrent, including the suppression of votes. But comparing Rove — a political consultant in a liberal democracy — to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran is absurd. The government of Iran under Ahmadinejad has engaged in stringent crackdowns on homosexuals and women's rights. That is serious beyond anything Rove has ever done. Comparing the two degrades the atrocities committed by Ahmadinejad and his ilk.

Rove didn't develop the administration's Iraq war policy. What little he had to do with the war was related to domestic public relations. He is not a war criminal. Labeling him one cheapens the term.

The Bush presidency will go down as one of the most important of our lifetimes. I'd like to think we're all mature enough to understand the difference between an honest assessment and cheerleading.

Rove is not David Duke. Yelling and screaming is not conducive to dialogue and discussion. Besides, we might get a chance to find out why President Bush calls Rove a "turd blossom."

Partisanship has frayed this country and society. We have serious problems in this country, but we refuse to work with each other. This is wrong, and we should expect better in a liberal democratic society. America desperately needs a president who can heal our divisions, and bridge the gaps between differing world view. But we also need a reconciliation of average people.

We need liberals to stop claiming conservatives are fascists, and we need conservatives to stop portraying liberals as anti-American. Both are false, and both prevent us from bettering this country and our lives. Instead of yelling at each other, we should make greater efforts to understand where we are coming from. We have more in common than we think.

Judging from his performance at the 2007 White House Press Correspondent's Dinner, I think we can all agree that Rove is not a very good rapper. Nor am I. See, we do have stuff in common!

The uproar over *Time* naming Russian President Vladimir Putin Man of the Year for 2007 was similarly wrongheaded. *Time's* Man of the Year is not a popularity contest — and neither is the Lecture Committee's roster of speakers. We mustn't let any agents of intolerance distract us from our mission of broadening the intellectual horizons of UI students, faculty, and staff.

That there has been this much reaction to our bringing Rove signals that we were correct in our decision. More than anything, we want people to care. It is vital we not shut our eyes and ears to those we disagree with. Once upon a time, the purpose of attending university was to engage in our broader worlds and mature as thinkers. We should all fight for that cause. ■

DI columnist Andrew Swift highly recommends that you YouTube "MC Rove" and see what happens. E-mail him at: andrew-swift@uiowa.edu



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Commentary

The times, they are a-becoming quite different

The Democratic presidential-nomination race remains a tossup, but the contours of the general election debate, and to some extent the next administration, have become remarkably clear in the past few days. Whether John McCain, Hillary Rodham Clinton, or Barack Obama, the next president will be a senator, the first in 48 years to enter the White House from Congress. As such as executive experience may be a plus for the presidency, there is something to be said about coming to the White House with a nuanced understanding of what it takes to get things done in Washington. Perhaps it's not too much to hope that a president who's been stuck in gridlock will begin a new administration with a good understanding of how to fix it.

In contrast to the current White House occupant, the next president will prohibit the use of waterboarding and other forms of torture that have stained America's reputation abroad. In contrast to President Bush, the next president will not start as a skeptic about the danger posed by global warming, and he or she will favor, not resist, legislation to impose mandatory caps on greenhouse gases, even without an international agreement binding other nations. The next president will support federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research and vigorous regulation of the campaign-finance system. The next president, however chastened by the angry debate over illegal immigration, will believe in the need for comprehensive immigration reform and support the idea of giving those in this country illegally a path to earn legal status. This is one Bush administration position we are relieved will stay constant.

But the November matchup will also present sharp contrasts between the two party's nominees. As McCain told the Conservative Political Action Conference on Feb. 7, some elections are "fought within margins of small differences. This one will not be. We are arguing about hugely con-

sequential things." The most obvious involves the war in Iraq; the two Democrats have pledged to "end" the war, by which they mean to withdraw combat forces as quickly as possible without being terribly clear about how they would handle the ensuing instability. McCain warns that the Democrats' approach "recklessly ignores the profound human calamity and dire threats to our security that would ensue" and speaks of the possible need to be in Iraq for years to come. More fundamentally, McCain says that he wants to be president to combat "the terrible evil of radical Islamic extremism," while the Democrats tend to play down the threat of Islamic extremism.

In the domestic sphere, the two parties' nominees also have conflicting visions of the proper role and size of government. They differ over the wisdom of extending all the Bush tax cuts: McCain vows to do so, while the Democrats would roll back the tax cuts for the top earners. They disagree over the best approach to restraining health-care costs and making insurance affordable, with McCain placing far more emphasis on market forces and eschewing any mandates, either on individuals to purchase coverage or on insurers to offer coverage to all. They have opposing views about abortion and gay rights. And in the difference with the most long-lasting consequences, they would appoint markedly different types of justices to the Supreme Court, where the next president could have several vacancies to fill. McCain vows to pick justices "of the character and quality" of Bush's two picks, Chief Justice John Roberts and Samuel Alito; both Democratic senators voted against those nominees.

The casting hasn't been completed, but the stage is set for a compelling general election.

This editorial appeared in Sunday's *Washington Post*.

On the Spot

Have you had trouble traveling by air?



"I lost my luggage one time coming home from Mexico, and another time they stopped my 75-year-old grandma and patted her down."

Matt Johnson
UI sophomore



"No, none besides delays."

James Dragon
UI junior



"Yes. I was going from Rome to Paris. I was 15 minutes late, but the plane was still there, and they wouldn't let me on. I had to buy a new ticket, because they wouldn't let me on the plane."

Tiffanie Teeple
UI senior



"Not really."

Vanessa Loew
UI sophomore



From the blog
The Grammys are over, but our opinions, and perhaps outrage, are only just beginning. Read what we thought of the results online at dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com.

Arts & Culture

Family-size comedy

Though the subject matter might not seem hilarious at first, *The Savages* turns out the truest kind of humor there is — about the family, of course.

The trailer for *The Savages*, with its cheery narrator and well-placed Spoon song, describes the film as “a serious comedy” (its emphasis). I confess that I don’t really know what that means — is it using “serious” as an emphatic way of saying just how comedic the film is? Or is it a comedy about serious things?

Either way, I sincerely hope that the initial pitch for *The Savages* wasn’t along the lines of “All right, you know what’s funny? Multi-infarct dementia in the elderly!” Thankfully, though there’s not much humor to be mined there, writer-director Tamara Jenkins does find a solid emotional (and much funnier) core in the relationship between the two siblings having to abruptly deal with the mental decline of their father.

Both Jon (Philip Seymour Hoffman, starring in what seems like his 80th role this year) and Wendy (the Academy Award-nominated Laura Linney) Savage are steeped in the world of academia — the first a



MOVIE REVIEW

by Anna Wiegenstein

The Savages

When:

1:20, 4, 6:40, 9:20 p.m.

Where:

Sycamore Cinema 12

★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Ph.D. in teaching drama and the latter an out-of-work playwright who exclaims out of frustration at one point, “I have an M.F.A!” All of this knowledge does them exactly no good whatsoever

when they learn their father, Lenny (Philip Bosco), is descending into dementia.

This leads them on the hellish quest for a nursing home, all places with names including “manor,” “valley,” or “haven.” While the details of Lenny’s facility are all spot-on, from the classic movie night to the bare-bones furnishing of the rooms, the film realizes that “zany forgetful old people” isn’t quite the comic device to use.

The Savage family’s backstory is only alluded to, but the painful childhoods of the two now-adult children are almost characters in and of themselves, manifesting in the way that Jon can’t tell his girlfriend he loves her, choosing instead to cry over the breakfast she makes him before her plane takes off. Wendy, on the other hand, has written a play she terms only “semiautobiographical,” and she is involved with a married man in her apartment building.

The weight of everything that goes unsaid presents a challenge for the two lead

actors, who are both required to play with “terse” as their default setting. I would argue for Hoffman’s performance as the more Oscar-worthy over Linney’s at times irritating nervous tics — look no further than the scene in which Jon’s facial mobility is almost completely gone because of a crick in his neck, yet Hoffman is by turns hilarious and wounded, for proof. The big brother/little sister dynamic between the pair rings true, however, complete with judgment and screaming.

“We’re not in therapy, we’re in real life,” Jon chides his relentlessly chipper sister at one point. This insistence on realism is what makes *The Savages* so affecting — Lenny Savage isn’t used for any of the cheap laughs that the trailer made me fear. “A serious comedy” might sound like an oxymoron, but its territory that the film is unafraid to explore.

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today's RECIPE



THAI RED CURRY WITH RICE

A little out of the box, this slightly spicy red-curry dish is the perfect mix between soup and stir-fry.

WHAT YOU NEED

14 oz. coconut milk
1-2 Tbsp. red curry paste (depending on taste)
1-2 Tbsp. fish sauce (depending on taste)
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
½ lb. chicken (boneless, skinless, and pre-cooked)
1 c. snap peas
½ sliced red pepper
fresh basil

WHAT TO DO

Pour coconut milk and curry paste into large saucepan. Whisk and simmer for five minutes. Stir in fish sauce and brown sugar and continue to simmer. Add in the chicken (pre-cooked), red pepper, and snap peas. Let all the ingredients cook for an additional 10 minutes. Garnish with fresh basil, serve over rice, and enjoy.

COMEDY

Israeli-Palestinian laughter

Comedy at the Englert tonight is a slightly different brand from the typical show — touching on timely world issues but always with a sly grin coming your way. The Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour features four comedians, comprising both American Jews and Israel natives Yisrael Campbell, Aaron Freeman, and Charley Warady along with Palestinian-American Ray Hanania.

“It’s necessary to reach different people in different ways,” said Jerry Sorokin, the director of Hillel, 122 E. Market St. “This is the first time that we’ve had the opportunity to bring in comedians to talk about Israeli and Palestinian relations. It’s unconventional, and sometimes it pushes the edge on what people see as acceptable to talk about.”

Because this is the comedy troupe’s premiere in Iowa City, Sorokin said, some audience members might be offended by the “bitching back and forth of the comedians’ jokes,” but he thinks it’s necessary.

SHOW

The Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Englert, 221 E. Washington St.
Admission: Free

“I think that that’s fine — in order for us to have a good understanding of what we’re really up against in trying to solve an extremely long standing conflict, sometimes that means we’ll have to say things that people won’t want us to say,” he said.

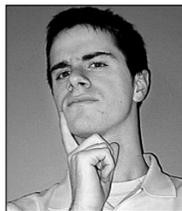
The evening packs a punch with jokes galore, and admission is free to beat out other Monday night competitors.

“First and foremost, this will be an entertaining evening,” Sorokin said. “The very fact that we can have a night of some funny comedy about world events — I’m very pleased that this event is going ahead.”

— by **Brigid Marshall**

The freedom of breaking silence

Theater artist and multimedia master Robert Wilson’s *VOOM Portraits*, which graces the UI Museum of Art’s walls, will stun you with near-naked celebrity cameos, high-tech insight, and homages to classic cinema.



LOUIS VIRTEL

“*VOOM Portraits*,” a cheeky, gargantuan video-screen exhibition at the UI Museum of Art, ropes in viewers with things they’ve already seen — whether in *US Weekly* or *The Enquirer*. For instance, Brad Pitt (yep, it’s really him) stands in white boxer shorts, lifting a gun toward the camera while rain pelts his pecs. To your left, Salma Hayek basks in black-and-white photography in tribute to silent-screen starlets. Winona Ryder shows up too, not to mention burlesque performer Dita von Teese, wearing nipple tassels and platform heels, sans ex-husband Marilyn Manson.

Still, *VOOM*’s “meaning” can be a puzzler, even amid easy pop-culture recognition. But the exhibit’s calculating maestro, the renowned artist Robert Wilson, throws us a big hint: In one video screen, Princess Caroline of Monaco’s shadowed silhouette pops up against a sharp gray backdrop. As Caroline’s regal

poise and face illuminate in streaks, ever so slowly, her hands are revealed. The right hand points at the left, which sports a gently glistening wedding ring. To all of us extra-cool movie buffs, the allusion to Alfred Hitchcock’s *Rear Window* is apparent.

But for those who, say, aren’t pretentious film buffs (shame on you all), the video portrait references Grace Kelly’s climactic scene in Hitchcock’s 1954 thriller. Grace Kelly, of course, is Princess Caroline’s late mother, which makes the portrait touching, mostly, again, for us pretentious film jerks. Yet Wilson’s throwback to Hitchcock, the much-declared “Master of Suspense,” points to *VOOM*’s real fixation: stillness and the potential of slight, intentional movement to jar us. And even if you can’t name all of *VOOM*’s faces, the exhibit’s mystique translates to everyone, not just those of us who surf Perez Hilton after every meal.

Roaming the halls of *VOOM* feels nothing like a silent, staid museum designed for quiet contemplation. Noises roar from the video screens, permeating the halls and drifting into sinister hushes. The rusty screech of one screen never relents; Willem Dafoe stands in front of a hellish

blaze as his body gyrates in grotesque animation. Something like the boiler room in *Nightmare on Elm Street* by way of Salvador Dali. Messed-up, you’re correct.

For the artsier patrons, Johnny Depp recreates a photo of Dada pioneer Marcel Duchamp cloaked in furs and staring, no, *smirking* at the observer. Though he mugs with utmost stillness, like Jack Sparrow’s art-house ancestor, make no mistake: It’s still a video exhibit. Depp’s just sitting there staring, but we see him blink every so often, intentionally. It’s creepy. But of course, that’s the point.

VOOM is sponsored by *VOOM HD Networks*, which hired Wilson to showcase its state-of-the-art high-definition screens. The millions, literally, spent on *VOOM* shows, not just because of the celeb appearances (who posed for free) but because of sharp sound and visual elements. *VOOM*’s making-of video, which is also on display, uncovers the intricacy behind each portrait’s execution. As a whole, the exhibit enraptures the audience — and the clarity behind Wilson’s intention sparks with each unforgettable, stark experiment in the drama of movement.

And aside from its imaginative ways of breaking stillness, *VOOM*’s most

ART EXHIBIT

VOOM Portraits Robert Wilson

When: Now through March 30
Where: UI Museum of Art
Admission: Free

impressive feat must be its utter belonging in the present. The exaltation of technology, the lush portraits, and of course the A-list cast make *VOOM* a distinctly 2008 experience. And he didn’t even need a garish political statement to do it.

Finally, in case we’re still blind-sided by all the Hollywood hobnobbing, Wilson gives in and spells his motive out, right on Chinese writer Gao Xingjian’s face. In perhaps the exhibit’s best moment, a camera captures an extraordinary close-up of him. Soon, writing in French appears, draping across his forehead, nose, and cheek: “Le solitude est une condition necessaire de la liberte.” In fact, with each blink of the eye, slight neck turn, and color fade in his *VOOM Portraits*, Robert Wilson discovers “la liberte” within the potential for movement and the will to cautiously, but intentionally, break silence.

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MEN'S TRACK

Hairston shatters school record

Adam Hairston shattered the school record in the 800 meters over the weekend, finishing in 1:49.86 at the Meyo Invitational. Leading the Iowa men's track team in South Bend, Ind., the sophomore provisionally qualified for the indoor national championships with the mark.

"He had not really been competing very well the last few weeks compared with what he'd done last year and what our expectations were," head coach Larry Wiecezorek said. "This [past] weekend, he really did compete to the best of his ability — he really stepped up."

Junior John Hickey and senior Shane Maier finished one-two in the shot put throwing 57-3/4 and 56-6 respectively. The win gave Hickey his fourth in as many tries. The remainder of the Hawkeyes struggled.

"We didn't take a full team; it's a tough meet, but I just wasn't feeling real good about it," Wiecezorek said. "We weren't performing at the level I'd like to see us perform."

— by Alex Johnson

WOMEN'S TRACK

Hawk women qualify some more

The Iowa women's track and field team provisionally qualified three more events to the NCAA championships as well as set a school record at the Meyo Invitational in South Bend, Ind., last weekend.



Alexander senior

Senior Kineke Alexander provisionally qualified in the 400-meter dash while finishing third in 53.86 seconds.

Junior Renee White provisionally qualified in the triple jump with a season-best leap of 42-0/2 while finishing second.

Alexander, Meghan Armstrong, Lauren Hardesty, and Diane Nukuri destroyed a 27-year-old distance medley record by almost three seconds, finishing third and provisionally qualifying with a time of 11:20.11.

"They ran great," said head coach Lain Anderson, speaking about the distance medley. "But I think they can still go faster."

— by Jeff Pawola

FOOTBALL

Greene, Spievey to return

After leaving Iowa because of academic issues, both Shonn Greene and Amari Spievey will return to the football program next year, head coach Kirk Ferentz announced on Feb. 8.

Greene, a 5-11, 227-pound running back, will return to a backfield without Albert Young and Damian Sims. The Sicklerville, N.J., native will compete with current Hawkeyes Jevon Pugh and Paki O'Meara and incoming recruits Nate Guillory, Jeff Brinson, and Jewel Hampton for the starting job.

After being one of five Iowa players to play in 2005 as a true freshman, Greene will have two years of eligibility remaining.

Spievey — a 6-0, 190-pound cornerback out of Middletown, Conn., will have three years of eligibility remaining.

— by Scott Miller

TV TODAY

NCAA BASKETBALL
• Villanova at Georgetown, 6 p.m., ESPN
• Kansas at Texas, 8 p.m., ESPN
• St. Mary's (Calif.) at Santa Clara, 10 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

• Rutgers at Tennessee, 6 p.m., ESPN2

IOWA 73, PENN STATE 65

Hawks snatch 8th straight

Lisa Bluder reaches 500 career victories with Iowa's 73-65 victory Sunday at Penn State.



Iowa's Jeneé Graham and JoAnn Hamlin go up for a rebound against Penn State on Sunday. The Hawkeyes beat the Nittany Lions, giving Iowa coach Lisa Bluder her 500th career victory.

By Brendan Stiles
THE DAILY IOWAN

Amid a sea of pink Sunday afternoon, the Iowa women's basketball team silenced the Penn State faithful with a 73-65 victory over the Lady Lions. It marks the first time since the 2001-02 season that Iowa has been able to leave the Bryce Jordan Center triumphantly.

With the win, the Hawkeyes have now won eight straight and at this moment sit alone atop the Big Ten standings with a 10-3 conference record. Purdue can join them at 10-3 with a victory at Michigan State tonight.

It also was a win of historical proportions for coach Lisa Bluder, who reached the milestone of 500 career coaching victories on Sunday.

Bluder was thrilled to reach the 500-win plateau on her first attempt, but she was more pleased with the

significance this road victory has on her team.

"It feels good to get career win No. 500, but I'm happier about winning eight in a row and staying on top of the Big Ten standings," she said.

Hawkeye junior Kristi Smith finished with 20 points to lead the Hawkeyes, while senior Johanna Solverson accounted for 16 Iowa points, including the team's first seven points to start.

Iowa caught fire from the get-go. The Hawkeyes nailed their first six shots of the game and led by as many as 14 points during the first half. Throughout the game, Penn State attempted to claw its way back but never could take the lead away from Iowa.

The Hawkeyes were able to capitalize in two different categories: Iowa out-rebounded Penn State 29-24 and sunk 19 free throws on 20 attempts.

"I'm proud of how we kept our composure down the

stretch," Bluder said. "We made big baskets and played good defense."

The game's signature play came late in the second half. With the Hawkeyes leading 58-57, Solverson knocked down a wide-open 3-pointer that allowed Iowa to keep the contest out of reach from the Lady Lions.

"Kristi drove to the basket, and Penn State's defense collapsed, leaving me open on the baseline," Solverson said. "I knew she was going to dish me the ball, and I was ready for it."

From that point on, Smith scored eight of Iowa's final 10 points, with most of those coming from the charity stripe once Penn State began fouling.

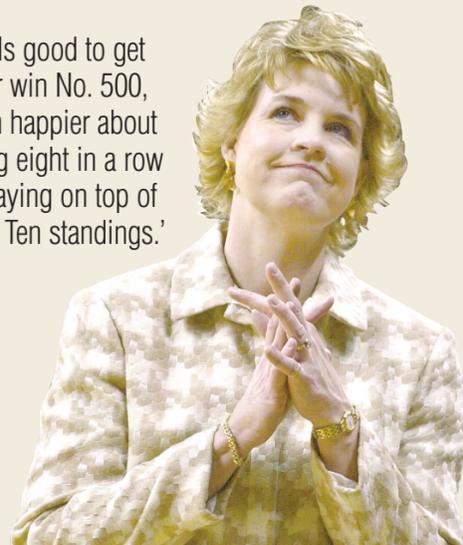
"Kristi was great down the stretch," Solverson said. "I told her during one of the last time-outs to take more shots, and she delivered."

SEE WOMEN'S HOOPS, 3B

Bluder notches win No. 500

Iowa's Lisa Bluder is only the third active Big Ten head coach in the 500-win club, joining Ohio State's Jim Foster and Michigan's Kevin Borseth. Bluder, in her eighth season in Iowa City, could lead the Hawkeyes to their first conference championship since 1998.

'It feels good to get career win No. 500, but I'm happier about winning eight in a row and staying on top of the Big Ten standings.'



GymHawks shine

The Iowa women's gymnastics team earns its highest score since 2005 to tie Big Ten foe Ohio State.

By Lars Headington
THE DAILY IOWAN

With bleachers rumbling and gold pompons waving, energy and cheers coursed through the Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd as the GymHawks took another big step forward on Feb. 9.

Following up on its score of 194.55 at Southeast Missouri State on Feb. 2, Iowa notched a season-high 195.400 — its highest score since 2005 — forcing a dramatic tie with visiting Ohio State.

"For us, it's not really about



Pinjuv junior



Libby Iowa coach

the wins and losses, it's about the score," junior Kara Pinjuv said.

"We just felt so good about everything that was going on

tonight, and we had a really fun time out there. The crowd was great, and we had a blast — you could just feel the energy."

In front of an enthusiastic home crowd of 600 faithful, the GymHawks also posted season-best team marks on uneven bars, balance beam, and floor.

Down 48.9-48.5 after their opening event of vault, the Hawks clawed their way back, gaining ground on each event and finishing with a strong 49.100 team floor score.

SEE GYMHAWS, 3B

NO. 1 IOWA 30, BOISE STATE 9

Iowa wrestlers continue to roll

By Eric Mandel
THE DAILY IOWAN

The top-ranked Hawkeye wrestlers showed two Western schools the same love it's shown the Big Ten all season by romping Arizona State, 36-3, and Boise State, 30-9, over this past weekend.

The Iowa brawlers improved to 18-1 after pummeling their way to 17 of the 20 wins, with two losses coming from replacement 165-pounder, Jake Kerr.

"It's always good to get on the road," said Iowa head coach Tom Brands. "It's not a chore,

it's not a grind; we just want to make sure we are ready to wrestle."

The Hawkeyes' No. 1-ranked 149-pounder, Brent Metcalf, scored his 19th- and 20th-straight victories with a technical fall and pin, while Jay Borschel and Matt Fields each notched first-round pins against the Sun Devils.



Brands Iowa coach

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Women's tennis sweeps

The Hawkeyes take two tight meets from Marquette and DePaul over the weekend.

By Brian Cardile
THE DAILY IOWAN

Kelcie Klockenga clinched a victory for the Iowa women's tennis team's over 59th-ranked DePaul on Sunday, the team's second win in three days. The sophomore beat Kirsten Gambrell (6-1, 6-4) in dramatic fashion, rallying from being down 4-0 in the second set to steal a meet that had become surprisingly close.

"It was huge that Kelcie stepped up for us today and won that match," head coach Daryl Greenan said. "That was the clincher."

Early on, it looked like Iowa would win the meet going away. After the Hawkeyes won the doubles point, senior Milica Veselinovic and freshman Alexia Dorr quickly dispatched their singles opponents (6-1, 6-0; 6-1, 6-2) and the team had a 3-0 lead. Iowa needed only one more win out of the four remaining singles matches to take the meet.

But the decisive fourth point proved elusive.

Junior Merel Beelen dropped an intense match to Selma Salkovic (7-5, 6-3), and senior Kayla Berry fell to Beatrix Csordas (6-0, 6-2). DePaul pulled within 3-2 with two matches still being played.

In one of those two matches, senior Jacqueline Lee was behind in the second set after

dropping the first. If she were to lose, the meet would be tied at three and would hinge on Klockenga's match.

"I knew that [Lee] was down," Klockenga said. "I knew it was going to come down to my match."

But Klockenga was locked in a tight battle of her own. After taking the first set, she was down 4-0 in the second set, and her opponent seemed to have the momentum.

"When I got down, I knew I needed to be more aggressive," Klockenga said. "I knew the meet was going to be close and I had to fight to stay in my match."

And fight she did. Klockenga used great ball placement and aggressive play to navigate a comeback that riveted the audience at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center.

"It felt really good," she said. "I was really happy I could do that."

Her 6-1, 7-5 victory clinched the meet for the Hawkeyes. After Lee lost her match, the final score was 4-3.

Two days earlier, the Iowa faced Marquette in a meet that closely resembled Sunday's. Just as in the DePaul meet, the Hawkeyes grabbed a quick 3-0 lead after earning the doubles point and getting two dominating singles wins

from Veselinovic (6-1, 6-1) and Dorr (6-0, 6-0).

Similar to Sunday, getting the vital fourth point proved difficult. Berry, Beelen, and Klockenga were all locked in tight matches that were going into third sets. Lee's match also looked like it would need three sets to be decided. But Lee used a second-set comeback to win her match and give the Hawkeyes the meet.

"I definitely wanted to keep that match from going into a third set," she said. "I felt like I was playing good tennis; I just had to stay focused and perform."

The meet ended at 5-2 after Beelen took netted a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 victory. Klockenga (6-2, 4-6, 3-6) and Berry (4-6, 6-1, 3-6)

both lost tight matches.

On the whole, the weekend was an impressive start to a promising season.

"[This weekend] sort of let us know that we're a good team," Greenan said. "We've been saying it and thinking it, but I think this weekend we proved it."

The two wins make Iowa's season record 2-0. The 16th-ranked Hawkeyes will host Alabama and Mississippi next weekend.

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MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Purdue	10	1	.909	19	5	.792
Indiana	9	3	.750	13	10	.565
Wisconsin	9	2	.818	19	4	.826
Michigan St.	8	2	.800	20	3	.870
Ohio St.	7	4	.636	16	8	.667
Minnesota	5	5	.500	15	7	.682
Iowa	4	8	.333	11	14	.440
Penn St.	3	8	.273	11	12	.478
Illinois at Penn State	3	9	.182	10	14	.417
Michigan	2	9	.182	6	17	.261
Northwestern	0	10	.000	7	14	.333

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Iowa	10	3	.769	17	7	.708
Purdue	9	3	.750	13	10	.565
Ohio State	9	4	.692	18	6	.750
Minnesota	8	5	.615	17	8	.680
Indiana	7	5	.583	14	10	.583
Michigan	6	6	.500	13	9	.591
Illinois	6	7	.462	14	10	.583
Michigan State	5	7	.417	13	11	.542
Penn State	4	8	.333	13	11	.542
Wisconsin	4	8	.333	11	11	.500
Northwestern	0	11	.000	4	20	.167

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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	39	9	.813	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Toronto	27	22	.551	18 $\frac{1}{2}$		
New Jersey	22	29	.431	18 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Philadelphia	21	30	.412	19 $\frac{1}{2}$		
New York	15	36	.294	25 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB		
Orlando	32	20	.615	—		
Washington	24	26	.480	7		
Atlanta	21	26	.447	8 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Charlotte	18	33	.353	13 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Miami	9	40	.184	21 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Central	W	L	Pct	GB		
Detroit	37	13	.740	—		
Cleveland	28	22	.560	9		
Indiana	21	30	.412	16 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Chicago	20	30	.400	17		
Milwaukee	19	32	.373	18 $\frac{1}{2}$		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB		
New Orleans	34	15	.694	—		
Dallas	34	16	.680	$\frac{1}{2}$		
San Antonio	32	17	.653	2		
Houston	30	29	.508	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Memphis	13	37	.260	21 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB		
Utah	33	19	.635	—		
Denver	31	19	.620	1		
Portland	28	22	.560	4		
Seattle	13	37	.260	19		
Minnesota	10	39	.204	21 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB		
Phoenix	36	15	.706	—		
L.A. Lakers	33	17	.660	2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Golden State	30	20	.600	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
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L.A. Clippers	16	32	.333	18 $\frac{1}{2}$		

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Turnovers, frosh sink Iowa



Minnesota guard Al Nolen (left) dives to steal the ball from Iowa guard Tony Freeman during the second half in Minneapolis on Feb. 9. Minnesota beat Iowa, 63-50.

Freshman Al Nolen finds offense, leads Minnesota to 63-50 win over the Hawkeyes.

By Jon Krawczynski
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MINNEAPOLIS — Al Nolen insists it wasn't a leg injury that was holding him back for the last four games. It was the freshman wall.

After scoring just three points in his previous four games combined, Nolen drove through that wall in a big way on Feb. 9, just in the nick of time.

Nolen gave Minnesota a lift in the second half and finished with 11 points, eight assists, and three steals to lead the Gophers to a 63-50 victory over Iowa.

"That's you hit the freshman wall midway through the season, and I think I kind of hit that wall a little bit," Nolen said. "But I'm bouncing back pretty well."

Damien Johnson had nine points and seven rebounds, and Spencer Tollackson scored 11 for Minnesota (15-7, 5-5 Big

Ten), which has now won two in a row to rebound from a skid of four losses in five games.

Justin Johnson scored 15 points, and Tony Freeman had 12, five assists, and five rebounds for the Hawkeyes (11-14, 4-8), who took a 42-41 lead after a three-point play by Cyrus Tate midway through the second half.

That's when the super-quick Nolen took over, knifing into the passing lanes to create turnovers and scoring on drives to the basket and from the outside.

He got a steal and a lay-up to get things going, then hit a 3-pointer, scored on a drive to the basket and set up a dunk by Damien Johnson after blowing past Tate on a switch to key a 16-3 run by the Gophers.

"What didn't he do?" Iowa forward Seth Gorney said. "He can drive, he can shoot, pass the ball well. Just everything."

Blake Hoffarber capped the burst with a 3-pointer that gave Minnesota a 57-45 lead with 2:49 to go, and the Gophers never looked back.

It was Nolen's best performance since returning from a thigh injury that caused him to miss a home game against Michigan State on Jan. 20.

Gopher coach Tubby Smith called Nolen "as good of an on-the-ball defender as I've coached," which is high praise from a man who has coached plenty of NBA players in his day.

"He's got those instincts and that feel for the game," Smith said. "It's hard to teach. He knows how to step up and make plays."

Iowa committed 21 turnovers and just couldn't handle Nolen's quickness and aggressive defense, and the Hawkeyes have now taken a step back with two-straight losses and three in its last four games.

After a poor showing in non-conference play, the Hawkeyes seemed to be making strides under first-year coach Todd Lickliter with victories over Michigan State and Ohio State

in a tough opening to Big Ten play.

But they only managed one sustained challenge on Feb. 9 and couldn't overcome a poor start that saw them trailing 8-0 in the first 3:30.

"It's just nearly impossible to win if you can't pass the ball and you can't catch the ball," Lickliter said.

The Hawkeyes were sloppy throughout the first half, committing 10 turnovers in every fashion imaginable. They had a 10-second violation while struggling with Minnesota's full-court pressure, Freeman was whistled for traveling while trying to wiggle out of a trap at midcourt, and the Hawks were called for a back-court violation and two shot-clock violations.

"We just tried to throw the ball sometimes. Wherever it goes, it goes," Gorney said. "We have to be more precise in our passes and being ready to catch the ball."

But they hit their 3-pointers, making five of nine attempts in the first half, and they only trailed 26-22 with 4:10 to go in the half.

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Hawkeye Jenifer Simbhudas finishes her floor exercise in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Simbhudas earned a career-best 39.3 in all-around competition, and the Hawkeyes tied Ohio State at 195.400 — Iowa's highest score since 2005.

Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

GymHawks hit season high

GYMHAWKS

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"We did not want to give up; we fought for everything," junior Jenifer Simbhudas said. "We just stepped it up by just focusing on what we've been practicing all week — being clean, going for our landings, just our attitude going into everything was much more positive."

Following a meet-best 9.875 floor routine by Simbhudas to finish competition, the crowd erupted to celebrate what seemed to be an Iowa victory. But the competition that had been so close all night finished in a tie, with the Buckeyes also posting a 195.400, their season-high as well.

Head coach Larissa Libby said Iowa's higher scores are a result of the team's change in focus the past two weeks, answering the call for more intensity.

"You can only blame your athletes for so much, and when it comes down to being prepared, being intense — that's my job," the fourth-year coach said. "So I feel like we really did a good job, the whole staff, going back in and changing the intensity of practice to match what it's going to be like out in a meet situation."

"It's been working so far, and like we said, it's going to come down to who hits beams and that's exactly what happened — both teams hit and there you go, a tie."

The GymHawks suffered just one fall on the night — a miscue on bars — but, for the second-straight week, counted none toward their final score.

Freshman Houry Gebeshian anchored the Iowa beam team with a career high 9.9, best at the meet. Libby said Gebeshian's solid routine proved that the groundwork is being laid for the team to

start making some headway again in the key event.

In the opening round on vault, however, Gebeshian struggled in her warm-ups, prompting coach Libby to substitute sophomore Nikki Page, who stepped-up to pinch-hit a 9.625 and contribute to Iowa's total score.

"The greatest thing is we have those options now," Libby said. "In four years, we have not had options to be able to take somebody out and put somebody in."

Four gymnasts competed in the all-around for Iowa. Both Simbhudas and Pinjuv scored more than 39 in the all-around, with Simbhudas taking the event with a 39.3, her season and career high.

Simbhudas also notched a 9.825 for the meet's top score on vault, tying Ohio State's Rebecca Best, to whom she graciously deferred the flowers.

The 195.400 was a team effort, with almost all of the Iowa gymnasts scoring above

their season averages on each routine.

"We just want to keep going forward," Pinjuv said. "These are big jumps, but even if they're little ones, we just want to make sure we take a step forward every time."

"We're not doing anything amazing; we're just doing what we know how to do and what we've been training."

With an off-weekend before a Feb. 22 road trip to Iowa State, Libby said keeping the team focused on continued improvements will be key to maintaining its three-week upward trend.

"It's just great to see them be able to take control of themselves, take control of their own team and do what we have known that they could do," she said. "And they know that they're still making mistakes."

"So to me and to them, the sky's the limit."

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Hawks win 8th straight

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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With five games remaining, the Hawkeyes have the inside track of being the queens of the Big Ten hardwood. First place will be on the line Thursday evening, when the Hawkeyes

travel to West Lafayette with a chance to not only separate themselves from Purdue but lock down any possible tiebreaking scenario that could arise at season's end with the Boilermakers.

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Wrestlers win battles in West

The Iowa wrestling team did what it was expected to do — decimate the competition.

WRESTLING

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Despite the scoreboard domination, Brands expects even more crisp outings and fewer sudden victory decisions as the Iowa wrestlers prepare for the final leg of Big Ten competition against No. 16 Indiana and No. 6 Michigan on Friday and Feb. 17.

"I think, wrestling-wise, we showed that we can win close matches still, and I think our best wrestling is still ahead of us," Brands said. "... I think we are in the time of year where we start focusing individually. I think we are on track. Charlie Falck looked good, Dan LeClere looked good. [Phil] Keddy was sick with the flu, and he did a pretty good job beating a pretty good opponent in [Boise State's] Kirk Smith."

One of the Hawkeyes' tight matches came from a surprise face, with sophomore Daniel Dennis earning the nod at 133 pounds against Boise State and scratching his first win of the season.

Brands said there were no issues with usual 133-pounder, third-ranked Joe Slaton, who was merely held out against the Broncos' unranked Cory Fish.

"Daniel Dennis came in, and we want to widen that gap [against his opponent], but I give him credit," Brands said.

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- 133 — Daniel Dennis (UI) dec. Cory Fish, 6-3
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- 165 — Kurt Swartz (BSU) dec. Jake Kerr, 2-1
- 174 — Jay Borschel (UI) dec. Nate Lee, 7-4
- 184 — Phillip Keddy (UI) dec. Kirk Smith, 3-2
- 197 — Matt Casperson (BSU) pinned Rick Loera, 2:35
- Hwt. — Matt Fields (UI) dec. Nick Smith, 8-3

"We were just resting [Slaton]. There's no issue there."

After two more losses at 165 pounds, the squad owns a 0-8 record since Mark Perry's knee injury sidelined him in mid-January. Brands said he expects the reigning NCAA champion back in practice this week.

"We are going to get him on the mat this week, but for now [Perry] is day-to-day," Brands said.

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Hoosier duo leads win

By **Rusty Miller**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson has grown tired of the shots critics are lobbing at his program for a soft schedule.

"If this isn't a quality win, then we may not get any," a smiling Sampson said after D.J. White scored 21 points and had 13 rebounds and Eric Gordon hit a number of big shots to lead the 14th-ranked Hoosiers past Ohio State 59-53 on Sunday.

It was the first signature win for the Hoosiers (20-3, 9-1 Big Ten) — much maligned by TV analysts for playing a light schedule — against a team higher than No. 49 in the RPI ratings. The Buckeyes (16-8, 7-4) came in at No. 32.

The Hoosiers took their cue from White, who set the tone inside at both ends.

"I lead by example, basically," White said after his 18th double-double this season. "All you can do is go out, play hard, and hope they can follow you."

Gordon finished with 15 points,

hitting four free throws in the final minute to keep Ohio State at bay. He cited the Feb. 7 83-79 double-overtime win at Illinois and the victory over the Buckeyes for signs that the Hoosiers are peaking at the right time.

"We're improving," he said. "The win at Illinois was a big win for us. To come here against a good Ohio State team and win, that's also a good win."

Jordan Crawford contributed seven assists without a turnover and also had six rebounds to go with eight points for the Hoosiers, who won their third in a row and remained in a tie for the conference lead.

Kosta Koufos had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Buckeyes, and Jon Diebler added 14 points.

Ohio State, in dire need of a marquee win of its own to prop up its NCAA Tournament hopes, was its own worst enemy. The Buckeyes had three air-ball 3-pointers down the stretch — all by freshmen — after they had pared a 12-point deficit to six or fewer points in the waning moments.

"Playing a team like Indiana, a great basketball team, for whatever reason we just didn't make the plays we needed to make," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. "They [the Hoosiers] made the plays down the stretch."

Jamar Butler, fifth in the Big Ten in scoring [Gordon is first, White second] coming in, was limited to four points on 2-of-8 shooting. He did have six assists, but misfired on all five of his shots behind the arc.

The constants for the Hoosiers — who shot only one free throw until the final 30.4 seconds — were their version of Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside, White and Gordon.

The Buckeyes cut into a 10-point deficit to draw to 31-29 in the opening 4 minutes of the second half. But then Gordon drove the lane for a nifty hesitation lay-up, shifting hands in mid-air, White hit a 10-foot turnaround jumper, Armon Bassett made a 3-pointer and Kyle Taber, making only his second start of the season, had a tip-in to push the lead to 40-29.

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's gymnastics

A pair of Iowa men's gymnasts, escaping Iowa City at the tail end of last week's snow storm, took a big break to perpetually warm Las Vegas to match skills with the best in the country at the annual Winter Cup Challenge.

The event was a chance to qualify for Team Chevron, the U.S. men's national team, whose competitors also competed — and dominated — taking six first-place finishes.

"The competition was really stiff," said Iowa head coach Tom Dunn.

Hawkeye sophomore Jon Buesel competed in all events but pommel horse, with his top finish coming in horizontal bars, where he posted a 13.65 mark for 30th.

Buesel's only other top-40 placing was a 14.85 on vault, but he showed personal improvement on other events.

"Jon had a pretty good meet," Dunn said. "Probably his best floor [exercise] routine of the year and definitely his best rings of the year."

Freshman Ben Kettelsen performed in the all-around, finishing

41st with a 76.15 mark. His top individual finish was a tie for 30th on vault with a 15.05 performance.

Kettelsen also notched a 13.50 on horizontal bar to finish 34th and a 13.25 to place 37th on vault. But falls on pommel horse and parallel bars soured his overall outing.

"Ben wasn't as sharp as he has been," Dunn said about Iowa's all-arounder, who has averaged an 82.15 this season.

— by Lars Headington

Women's golf

Opening its spring season out of the country, the Iowa women's golf team will compete in the 13-team Baja Invitational at the par-71 Bajamar Resort Golf Club in Baja, Mexico, today and Tuesday.

Junior Tyrette Metzendorf looks to pick up where she left off in the fall. The Winter Haven, Fla., native, who broke the 18-hole school record with a 68 in the Mary Fossum Invitational in September 2007, placed in the top 10 overall in three of the four tournaments last fall.

Along with Metzendorf, Iowa's lineup will consist of seniors Melanie

Boyles and Jill Marcum, junior Becky Quinby, and freshman Lauren Forbes.

After an up-and-down fall season, in which the Hawkeyes shot as low as 295 and as high as 327, second-year head coach Kelly Crawford is looking for more consistency from her team heading into spring competition.

— by Scott Miller

Men's tennis

Perfect no more, the Iowa men's tennis team (Lincoln, Neb.), over the weekend.

The Hawkeyes started off well, setting No. 61 Nebraska, 5-2, on Feb. 9. But the second meet was unkind to Iowa as No. 66 Denver held serve and took out the Hawkeyes by a 5-2 margin on Sunday.

Iowa's No. 1 singles player Bart van Monsjou (3-1) saw his undefeated season disappear — Denver's Adam Holmstrom defeated him (7-5, 7-6).

Christian Bierich, Iowa's No. 3 singles player, was a bright spot for Iowa. His 2-0 record over the weekend moved him to a perfect 4-0 in spring season dual-meet play; he's the only Hawkeye who can claim

that feat.

Head coach Steve Houghton emphasized an improvement in doubles play, but the Hawkeyes went 1-1 over the weekend, winning the point against Nebraska but losing it against Denver.

Iowa's next meet is a return to Iowa City for a tussle with Toledo on Saturday.

— by Bobby Loesch

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the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL
Fascinating Facts, not left well-enough alone

- Auguste Rodin’s statue *The Thinker* is actually a portrait of the poet Dante; Dante, the jerk, never returned the favor by writing a poem about Rodin.
- Kilts are not native to Scotland; they originated in France. Surprised? I’m not.
- For a full 186 days a year, the sun is not seen at the North Pole — or by most inhabitants of Burge.
- “Metoposcopy” is the process of divination by reading the positions, shapes, and sizes of moles or blemishes on a person’s body. It’s also colloquially known as “ewwwwwww.”
- A male baboon can kill a leopard — but it’s only happened a handful of times, and the payouts were amazing!
- A woman’s heart beats faster than a man’s — especially when I’m close by.
- Ninety percent of all teenagers suffer from some form of acne — usually, it’s a domical.
- A tuna can swim 100 miles in a single day — but can it ever, even once, take out the trash with first being reminded? I’m sorry; this is my problems, not yours.
- The top of the Empire State Building was originally intended (though never used) as a mooring place for dirigibles. I don’t have a joke here, I just like the phrase “mooring place for dirigibles.”

horoscopes Monday, February, 11, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotional as you might be today, you are better off not making rash statements or taking a risk where your work or income are concerned. Concentrate on formulating what you want to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don’t let your emotions push you into something that may be beyond you today. Do what feels right, not what you think will impress others. Small scale doesn’t mean that you can’t grow into something big.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Whether you change jobs, pick up part-time work, or send out résumés, it will help you challenge yourself to strive for more. You will be able to persuade others to support you or give you a chance. Opportunity is everywhere.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Size down, slow down, and focus on what’s important. Emotions will skyrocket if you take on too much. Stay in control and an arm’s length away from anyone trying to push you the wrong way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You’re the boss, so take charge, set your standards and goals, and put your ideas into play. Use your creative imagination, and don’t be afraid to delegate what you want done. Generosity will play a role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love, social activity, and a little networking will serve you well. You can entice the people you play with to take a closer look at you, and if you are single, attract someone who will want to get to know you personally as well as professionally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Employ a sophisticated look, combined with an intelligent approach to the things you want to do, and you will have enough support to actually accomplish your goals. Share your ideas, and socialize with other creative people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t let your emotions get involved in what you need to accomplish today, or you will fall short of your expectations. Someone you are close to may throw a wrench into the mix, leading you in directions you should probably avoid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ve got everyone exactly where you want them to be, so make your move, and don’t look back. You can expect things to get better at home if you are honest with yourself and the people you live with. Don’t overreact or overspend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may take you by surprise, causing you to waffle and make a costly mistake today. Keep your guard up, and don’t allow anyone to burden you with responsibilities that aren’t yours to bear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talks will lead to solutions today. Making money may be an issue for you, but if you think about what you like to do and what you are good at, you will come up with a way to fatten your wallet. Challenges will motivate you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love, generosity, and doing for others will bring you satisfaction and make you look good in the eyes of others. By being responsible in your actions and caring for those in need, you will find peace in your own heart. Romance is available, so set the stage.

PUPPY-VILLE



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On her way back from Keokuk, UI sophomore Johanna Lohman (right) received a call from Tammara Meester (left), the owner of Pet Central Station, asking her to pick up a set of red heeler puppies (one not shown) from a shelter to prevent them from being euthanized. The male puppy, shown here, meets Aria the cat for the first time.

today’s events

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- **How to Make the Career Fair Work for You**, noon, C310 Pomerantz Center
 - **International Mondays, “Peruvian Footbridge Design: Incorporating a Participative Approach,”** Irund A-Wan, noon, Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
 - **UI Center for Teaching Workshop, “Media Messages and Media Literacy,”** 1 p.m., University Capitol Center Conference Center 2520-B Room 1
 - **Affirmationists Toastmasters Meeting**, 5:30 p.m. W401 Pappajohn Business Building
 - **Big Brothers Big Sisters at Iowa meeting**, 7 p.m., 346 IMU
 - **Eraserhead**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **Crises Center Volunteer Information Open House**, 7 p.m., 1121 Gilbert Court
 - **Dennis O’Neil & Jennifer Yorke, visiting artists in printmaking**, 7 p.m., 116 Art Building West
 - **Existentialism, Libertarianism, and the Iowa Caucasus: The Future of the Liberty Movement in America**, Richard Campagna, 7 p.m., 256 IMU
 - **Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour**, 7 p.m., Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington
 - **“Mark My Words, Methods for Learning Difficult Subjects More Easily and Efficiently,”** 7 p.m., Senior Center
 - **National Alliance on Mental Illness**, 7:30 p.m., 337 IMU
 - **Gregory Lee, violin**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
 - **Willie Cole, visiting artist in sculpture**, 8 p.m., 116 Art Building West
 - **Terror’s Advocate**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- ONGOING**
- **It Starts With a Line**, John Schirmer, Phil Lichtenhan, Mary Merkel-Hess, and Chait Patterson, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
 - **A Community of Writers: Creative Writing at the University of Iowa**, Old Capitol Museum
 - **American Artists Abroad, 1900-1950**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
 - **It’s Cheaper than Therapy**, Angela Carlson, Bella Joli, 125 S. Dubuque
 - **Children’s Art Exhibition**, work by Iowa City School District elementary-school students, Hancher Auditorium
 - **Depicting Legends**, Art Strong, Chait Galleries Downtown
 - **Five Women in Pastel**, Beppie Weiss, Ruth Muir, Susan Coleman, Madeline Roemig Bendorf, and Marcia Wegman, Englert second floor gallery
 - **From Prairies to Cornfields: Iowa’s Children’s Book Authors**, Old Capitol Museum
 - **Greg Fuqua exhibit**, UI Hospitals and Clinics eighth-floor in the Patient and Visitor’s Activity Center Gallery No. 3
 - **Iowa Artisans Sampler: Anna Marie Pavlik and Sharon Neff**, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
 - **Iowa Roots, Global Impact: The Life & Legacy of George Washington Carver**, African American Historical Museum/Cultural Center, 55 12th Ave S.E., Cedar Rapids
 - **Iowa’s Space Explorer: James Van Allen**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch
 - **It’s More Than Just a Game: African-American Sports in Iowa**, Johnson County Historical Society Museum, 860 Quarry Road, Coralville
 - **Jason Hess exhibit**, AKAR Architecture and Design, 257 Iowa Ave.
 - **Suzanne B. Aunan exhibit**, Iowa State Bank & Trust Co., 102 S. Clinton
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SOLUTION TO FRIDAY’S PUZZLE

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2	5	4	6	3	1	8	9	7
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UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:30** p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Rustin Larson
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Aryn Kyle
- 4** Duarte Dance Works Concert from Space/Place
- 5:30** Human Rights Week, Darwin Turner
- Theater: A Look at the Presence of Justice
- 6:30** Iowa Basketball with Todd Lickliter
- 7** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Aryn Kyle
- 8** The Photographs of Danny Wilcox-Frazier
- 9:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
- 10** Iowa Basketball with Todd Lickliter
- 10:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
- 11** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Aryn Kyle
- For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at dailyiowan.com.

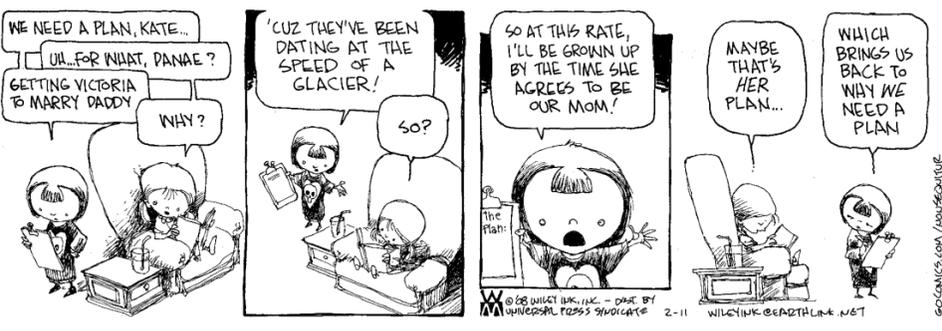
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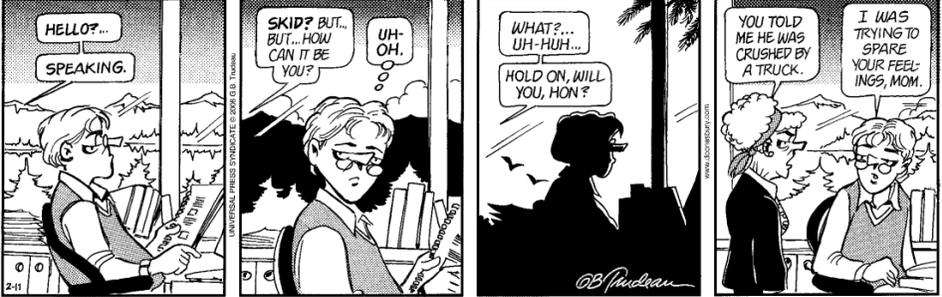
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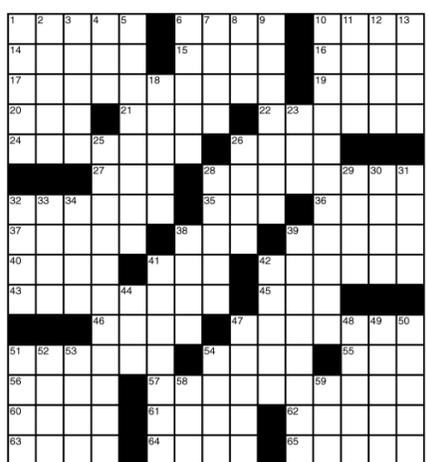
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1231

- Across**
- Oodles
 - Wide as the ocean
 - Huffed and puffed
 - Seoul’s land
 - Diva’s song
 - Jacob’s first wife
 - A magnet attracts it in a physics experiment
 - Between twice and never
 - Grand Coulee, e.g.
 - NNW of Oklahoma City
 - Relieve
 - At a tilt
 - Tire filler
 - Divorces
 - Locale for a New York diva
 - What the number of birthday candles signifies
 - Olden times
 - Jinxes
 - Snooper’s org.
 - Tomato-hitting-the-floor sound
 - Speed skater Heiden
 - Bamboozle
 - Sales pitches
 - Zilch
 - 45 Carry the day
 - Crazy-sounding bird
 - Freighters’ freighters
 - One with a hook, line and sinker
 - Stuporous sleep
 - Doc’s picture producer
 - Java neighbor
 - Star’s marquee position
 - Genesis garden
 - Tall tale teller
 - Have a meal at home
 - Orange-flavored powdered drink
 - “Born Free” lioness
 - Medicinal amounts



Puzzle by Lynn Lempel

- Down**
- On the ___ (going to pot)
 - Deep pink
 - Enticing smell
 - TV room
 - Two-point plays in football
 - Legitimate
 - Parched
 - Envy or gluttony
 - Event before moving
 - Pre-transfusion procedure
 - Gave for a while
 - “To ___ his own” bravery
 - Amusement park shout
 - Lifelines
 - “Yes, madame”
 - Some verbal abuse
 - Women’s links org.
 - Paragon of virtue
 - One and only
 - Mountains, Europe/Asia separator
 - Four-footed friends
 - Next
 - Medal winner for 47 King ___ (dangerous snake)
 - Escape route
 - Nickel or dime
 - Shot up, as inflation
 - Gleeful laugh
 - Hindu teacher
 - Misery
 - King ___ (dangerous snake)
 - Skip
 - Old TV comic Kovacs
 - Leo and Libra
 - Help illegally
 - Zilch
 - “Galveston” crooner
 - Inspector of fin. books
 - “Black gold”
 - Neighbor of a Vietnamese

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